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MARCONI TRIUMPHANT IN '89 NSL



NASTEVSKI TO LEAVE

BY KEITH GILMOUR

DESPITE his National Soccer League grand final winning goal for Marconi Fairfield before a huge 23,387 crowd at Parramatta Stadium on Sunday, Zlatko Nastevski could be moving on.

Not only did 'Nasty' power away with the grand final decider, he killed off the opposition on the scoring ladder by netting 20 league goals to be Australia's ace marksman, seven goals ahead of teammate Fred de Jong.

In all, he scored twice in the Top Five series — on both occasions, match-winning efforts.

But Nastevski turned 32 just 12 days ago. As he admits himself, there are times when he does not get involved enough in the game.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY has learnt from the best possible sources that Nastevski may be transferred prior to the start of the inaugural summer season.

Marconi's is a shock move, and spells out the certainty that they have his replacement well in mind.

Of all the clubs Nastevski could join — and there would be a long list to obtain his services — Wollongong City is the leading contender.

Nastevski is a Macedonian who has

been granted full Australian residency.

The big Macedonian population of Wollongong would be delighted to see him competing in National League football in their city.

In fact, his presence would certainly swell the attendances at their Brandon Park headquarters.

Should he steer clear of major injury, Nastevski could be a match-winner for another two years at least.

Wolves chairman Lawrie Kelly is examining the possibility of the club securing the modest but super-charged goalscoring machine.

I interviewed 'Nasty' just after he had scored to present the Fairfield club with its second successive Australian championship.

He said: "It came against the odds ... unbelievable."

"I don't even know who put the ball across, but I was free in the middle."

"I was surprised that they gave me space, and I just headed it in."

"With 20 minutes to go I signalled that I had better come off with a hamstring pull."

"After that it didn't hurt, so I thought I would stay on."

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LEFT — Alistair Edwards and Tom McCulloch in a no-holds-barred duel which typified last Sunday's NSL grand final. TOP — Victorious Marconi skipper Steve Calderan kisses the silverware — HECTOR CARRASCO Photo.

**Hindmarsh Stadium is
scene for Cup Final**

BY PHIL MARTIN

THE curtain on the eventful but rain-dogged 1989 National Soccer League season draws to a close on Sunday.

And, with Adelaide City looking for the spoils and Sydney Olympic determined to make amends for the grand final loss, a tough and fast encounter must be expected.

An extra competitive edge has been brought into play, with Olympic president George Pashalis claim-

ing that the precedents laid down by the NSL meant that the final should have been staged in Sydney.

Adelaide's long-serving Charlie Caruso ruled out the Olympic viewpoint.

For ASW's Cup final preview, see page 7.



BIGGEST SELLING SOCCER NEWSPAPER RIGHT ACROSS AUSTRALIA

Eddie Krncevic misses the glamour in his new club

BY LOU GAUTIER

FRANCE-based Eddie Krncevic misses the glamour of Anderlecht and wants to leave his new club before he has even appeared in a league match for Mulhouse.

In an exclusive phone interview, the 29-year-old Soccerroo confirmed that two English clubs were seeking his services.

"My Belgian-based agent has been contacted by Luton Town and Norwich City, but Luton have dropped out of the race while Norwich have upped the ante and have offered to buy my contract back from Mulhouse.

"They are also prepared to pay me more."

Krncevic, who was transferred from Anderlecht to newly-promoted Mulhouse for \$1.8 million during the European off-season, is his new team's

best paid player but his monthly salary is below that of lesser players in other French clubs.

However, it's not because of the money that Eddie wants out.

To say that he does not enjoy life in a small provincial French town is putting it mildly.

Krncevic has discovered, like many before him, that France is not Paris.

Mulhouse, a town of about 100,000 inhabitants deep in Alsace, the province that borders West Germany and which speaks a Germanic dialect though the official language is French, bears as much resemblance to the City of Lights as Ballarat does to Melbourne.

"The mentality is very different here. Not at all what I had expected. It reminds me of Duisburg," he lamented.

And Eddie does not conceal the fact that his sojourn in West



EDDIE KRNCVIC (right) — misses Belgian super-star status.

Germany was the "lowlight" of his distinguished career.

Krncevic has been "spoiled" by his two years in cosmopolitan Brussels where he was a local VIP.

He is yet to reach superstar status in his new surroundings.

Though France's sports publications have written pages about him, Krncevic has yet to play in a league match.

As we went to press, he had missed the first four First Division rounds.

Eddie was omitted from Mulhouse's league opener at Metz because French clubs can only field two foreigners.

Coach Didier Notheaux preferred to use his two Yugoslav imports, defender Stojkovic and midfielder Sliskovic, in a game he was never going to win.

Stojkovic has since been naturalised but Krncevic strained a calf muscle at training two days after that 2-0 loss and had been sidelined until I spoke to him.

"It was not a 'diplomatic' injury as some suggested. I was definitely injured but I am fit now and I'm dying to play again."

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THE Australian Soccer Federation did well to stipulate that the proposed November 22 match between the Danish national team and Australia will only go ahead if the Danes guarantee to bring their strongest team.

A wise decision, indeed, as Denmark, currently leading their European World Cup qualifying group, rely almost exclusively on foreign-based players.

And there isn't a ghost of a chance their clubs will release them for an exhibition tour of Australasia (the visit is a joint venture with New Zealand) at the height of their domestic season.

When the Danes trounced Greece 7-1 in last May's live SBS telecast, no less than nine of the players in the starting line-up were contracted to, or about to join, foreign clubs.

The players and their clubs are: defenders John Sivebaek (St Etienne) and John Larsen (Borussia Dortmund); midfielders John Jensen (Hamburg), Morten Olsen (FC Koln), since retired, and Jan Bartram (Bayer Uerdingen) and strikers Fleming Povlsen (FC Koln), Michael Laudrup (Barcelona), Brian Laudrup (Bayer Uerdingen) and Kent Nielsen (Aston Villa).

The Danes are engaged in a cut-throat duel with Romania for first place in a four-nation group from whence the runner-up may also get a chance to qualify for Italy.

As their last match,



Denmark's 1986 World Cup team: Australians are not likely to see a full-strength Scandinavian touring side.

against the Romanians, will be also televised live by SBS, on October 12, the Danish team has a high profile in Australia where soccer fans are au fait with the stirring performances of the mid-80s which earned them the tag of Danish Dynamite.

Denmark surprised the pundits by producing a new generation of world-beaters almost overnight when most of their stalwarts retired after the 1986 World Cup finals.

It will be almost impossible for the ASF to

sell what would virtually be a 'B' team to an increasingly sophisticated Australian soccer public.

The ASF's decision to bring out leading Soviet club side Torpedo Moscow for five matches in January, however, is unimpeachable.

Torpedo have impressive credentials, delighted spectators when they last toured

Australia in 1965 and, more importantly, will be touring with a full complement of players.



John Koch (Olympic), right, streaks past Tom McCulloch (Marconi) in last Sunday's NSL grand final — Photo HECTOR CARRASCO.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

□ An English FA team toured New Zealand for eight games. The ASF declined to accommodate the visitors.

□ The Oceania Confederation decided on the creation of an Oceania Cup, on the lines of the European Champions' Cup (we are still waiting...)

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NSW to bend a few bananas

BY KEITH GILMOUR

NSW will field an exciting blend of experience and potential against Queensland in the first ever State of Origin soccer match, to be contested at Perry Park on Saturday night.

Four of the Blues are current Socceroos, six have appeared in full international matches, another two have represented Australia against club sides and four are well in the class.

Given the enthusiasm of the Queensland squad, it all points to a magnificent tussle, and will demonstrate how all states should be viewing future interstate matches.

The tendency since the National League began has been to downgrade these matches, whereas the calendar must be turned around in the next couple of years so that they become, on the much lesser but developing Australian scale, the local equivalent of England v Scotland, Italy v Germany or Argentina v Brazil and so on.

The habit of viewing everything in terms of matches between European nationalities — or countries or even states or regions — must be transferred into the Australian context, as the game has died away to interest a mere handful of nationalities, a situation that will mean near extinction in ten or 15 years time at the present rate of regression. There is nothing more

exciting for a Queensland side than the chance of 'beating a Blue,' but this NSW side has no intention of succumbing to the Maroons.

Three years ago I had the pleasure of being in the 5,000 crowd at Perry Park for the game, and the excitement was a thing to behold.

In addition I well remember being in a 7,000 attendance at the old Sydney Sports Ground for a return match 25 years ago.

The concept of a State of Origin game gives Queensland — and ultimately the other main states — the chance to field much enhanced sides.

Under the rules immigrant players qualify for the state where they first landed.

Not that this matters much for NSW, as the complete trend is to Australian born or trained stars.

It could result in the Queenslanders of the future coming out on top of the old enemy, just as they have turned the corner in rugby league.

The NSW squad is: Mike Gibson, Robbie Wheatley, Steve Calderan, Andy Koczka,



Mike Gibson, challenged here by Robbie Ironside, will have an equally difficult task against the Queensland attack on Saturday.

Mike Grbevski, Ian Gray, Gerry Gomez, Tom McCulloch, Zlatko Nastevski, Scott Ollerenshaw, Graham Arnold, Tony Pezzano, Craig Moffitt, Kurt Reynolds, Jean-Paul de Marigny, David Lowe.

Gibson, Koczka, Arnold and Ollerenshaw are in the current Soccer-oo squad.

Only Grbevski, Moffitt, Reynolds and Nastevski have not worn the green and gold.

Although Lowe has not recently been a first team regular with Marconi Fairfield, it is pleasing to see his state selection.

As his opponents often point out, it is no fun trying to stop him gaining possession, and disturbing the entire opposing defence as he goes through or works cross-field to cause all sorts of problems.

Coach Thomson said: "I was pleased to have the chance to recall McCulloch. Due to some injuries he has not been seen at his best in representative company, but I have a lot of time for him."

"There are two capable left-backs in Grbevski and de Marigny, both of whom meet the requirements as defenders and attackers along the

flank.

"Reynolds is a young man with considerable promise in the middle of the defence.

"With goalkeepers like Tony Franken out of action I decided to go for Pezzano's experience just ahead of Bobby Catlin."

Some of the new faces in the NSW side result from the departure of Robbie Slater for Anderlecht in Belgium and the impending loss of George Haniotis to Ethnikos in Greece.

It is likely that Wally Savor and Graham Jennings have reached the end of their distinguished representative careers.

Sydney Olympic, who could have contributed players like David Barrett, Steve Georgakis, Robbie Hooker and Abbas Saad to the squad, are engaged in Sunday's NSL Cup final against Adelaide City.

Regardless of that, the Queensland-NSW State of Origin should provide a great attacking encounter, which sets the scene for suitable matches of the same ilk in future.

Full marks go to the Queensland Soccer Federation for staging a big afternoon and night of top football and entertainment.

Youthful Queensland

BY GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND coach Bruce Stowell has named a squad with an average age of less than 24 years to take on the Blues.

The Queensland squad is: Rob Farrow, David Hunter, Nick Meredith (Lions), Stu Woodruffe, Alan Niven (Mount Gravatt), Lee Scriggins, Ken Swan, Shane Haddow (North Star), Peter Vogler (Ipswich United), Clayton Koch (Pine Rivers), Frank Pimblett (Brisbane City), Paul Halford (Southport), Alan Hunter (Sydney Croatia), Danny Wright (South Melbourne) and Steve Jackson (Preston).

Stowell was unable to name Sydney Olympic's Queenslanders Jason Polak and John Koch, who are required by their club for the NSL cup final the day after the origin match.

He admitted it had forced a major reshuffle of his original selection thoughts and he had been put into a situation where he had to select players he could only hope would raise their games.

"There were no instant replacements for players like Jason and John, who I could have used in a variety of roles," Stowell said. "I only hope that one or two of those who have been given the

chance despite their recent form use their selection to play against NSW as a catalyst to raise their games."

Only seven players from the 15-man state residents' squad named in April, whose match against NSW was washed out, have been retained.

But the Queensland team, although on paper seemingly overshadowed by the big-name bristling NSW side, is not without its stars. Alan Hunter, Wright and Jackson are all quality players with national caps at full, youth and indoor level respectively. Niven is a former international while Halford played with distinction with New Zealand. David Hunter is an Australian schoolboy international.

Scriggins has netted 16 goals in 19 XXXX League matches this season and Pimblett is one of the most experienced players in the country.

While the origin squad is far stronger than the residents' side named in April, Stowell is no more confident about winning. "We will be playing against a far better NSW side than we would have in April, but I am confident we will do the job I ask," he said.



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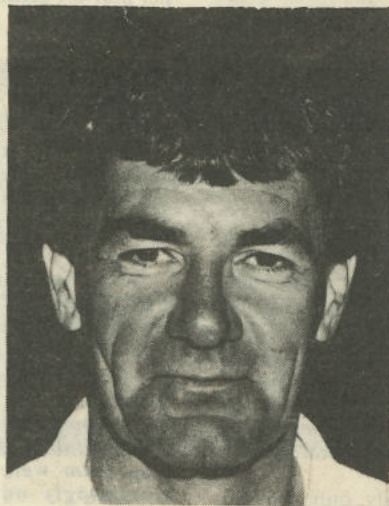
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Last-gasp goal wins it again for Marconi

BY LOU GAUTIER

A depleted Marconi made history at Parramatta Stadium last Sunday to become the first team to win back-to-back NSL grand finals.



Marconi-Fairfield — again champions of the National Soccer League. Bravo! HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

The double was achieved in dramatic circumstances, Zlatko Nasteovski heading home the winner in the second minute of injury-time just as the 23,387 spectators were looking forward to 30 more minutes of high-tension football.

The quality may not have matched last year's memorable Marconi v Sydney Croatia grand final but Sunday's game was possibly even more nail-biting despite a high rate of wasted balls.

It kept the crowd — the largest in NSL history — enthralled as two evenly matched

teams fought for supremacy.

As is often the case, the expulsion of a player Matteo Colucci in the 39th minute — did no harm to his side's cause as it made Marconi twice as determined, with the remaining 10 men running their legs off.

That Olympic — average age 22 — failed to punish them after Colucci was red-carded for two fouls was due to their inexperience.

Fielding the youngest team of any NSW grand finalist since the vintage Canterbury-Marrickville of 1960-61, Sydney

Olympic came ever so close, but once again no cigar...

It was not third time lucky, but in all fairness Marconi deserved their win and no-one can quibble with their second successive championship.

And it was their allegedly "suspect" defence that pulled them through after soaking considerable pressure.

Marconi created the first two scoring chances when in the fourth minute Nasteovski's free-kick just outside the Olympic penalty area was blocked by the wall and in the 19th Steve Calderan blasted an 18-metre shot over the bar from an inswinging Colucci corner.

Two minutes later Colucci was off — but the game did not swing Olympic's way.

The Marconi defence was truly magnificent. They regrouped, stepped up the work-rate and their immense experience was the deciding factor as they dominated most of the second half.

Before Nasteovski's match-winning, the league's leading scorer had made a mess of a header in the 57th minute and 19 minutes later David Lowe set up Tommy McCulloch, but Robbie Ironside saved off the line.

Olympic's big chance came in the 69th minute when goalkeeper Bobby Catlin had to work overtime to brilliantly push a sizzling 12-metre Alistair Edwards drive around the near post for a corner, then, from the resul-

ting corner-kick, was called on to fist the ball out on three consecutive occasions amongst a swarm of players.

The title-winner came out of the blue. McCulloch played a short free-kick to Jean-Paul de Marigny who nudged the ball along to an unmarked Nasteovski whose header from 10 metres zoomed into the top left-hand corner of the net beyond the reach of a brave Gary Meier.

But that was not quite the ball game. Olympic had something extra left and almost equalised immediately.

A corner kick from Abbas Saad hit the Marconi upright but instead of bouncing over the line the ball fell behind Edwards whose bicycle kick, under tremendous pressure, went over the bar.

All that was left was for the Marconi fans to start their celebrating a famous double while an estimated 10,000 disconsolate Olympic supporters trooped out in stunned disbelief.

But soccer had once again emerged the winner and like last year this was a grand final neither team deserved to lose.

MARCONI: Catlin 7, Colucci (sent off 39), de Marigny 6, Calderan 6, Wheatley 7, Gray 6, McCulloch 6, Nasteovski 6, de Jong 6, Katholos 6, Lowe 6 (Gomez 79).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 7, Barrett 6 (Bernal 86), Georgakis 6, Hooker 6, Haniotis 6, Koch 6, Edwards 7, Polak 6, Saad 6, Ironside 6, Lee 6.

Referee: J. Reeves 6. Crowd: 23,387.

STATS

APART from Matteo Colucci's two bookings which result in a red card, the following players collected yellow cards in the grand final:

★ Steve Calderan: 17 min.
★ John Koch: 36 min.
★ David Barrett: 43 min.
★ Steve Georgakis: 43 min.

The corner count favoured Marconi 6-4.

Marconi also won the NSL Youth League North grand final — against Olympic as well — see match report page 20.



Olympic 'keeper Gary Meier fists an invisible ball away from a packed goalmouth. The veteran was unbeatable in the air and it took a rare Zlatko Nasteovski header to put the match-winner at the back of his net — Photo HECTOR CARRASCO.

Keeping the flags flying

BY LOU GAUTIER

SUNDAY's crowd was the biggest at a club soccer match in Sydney since the 1963 Sydney First Division grand final but the pre-kick off presentation was less than equal to the occasion.

This time we were spared the Scottish pipe-band Sydney soccer officials always seem to trot out for their "special" occasions, but Sydney's uniformed ensemble was not provided with microphones.

Consequently, hardly anyone heard them play the national anthem, and when the crowd latched on and stood to attention, the rendition was over.

Supporters of both teams were invited to play a part in pre-match festivities on the field, but was it necessary to parade huge Greek and Italian flags on the field while there wasn't an official Australian flag to be seen?

I know this is the age of multiculturalism, but as an "ethnic" I was mildly offended.

Two Australian club teams were involved, not the national honour of two countries as far as I know.

□ PETER Katholos notched his grand final hat-trick last Sunday, having won the 1987 one with Apia and the last two with Marconi.



And what's more, he was one of his team's very best players.

□ SHADES of Hillborough, albeit thankfully on a very minor scale.

When Zlatko Nasteovski scored the match-winning, the Marconi fans behind the southern goal surged forward to celebrate, pushing down the fence and crushing several youngsters.

Luckily, only two had to be treated for minor injuries but it was horrifying to watch two small boys, their faces and hair painted in the Marconi colours, carried off in the arms of policemen.

A similar crush hav-

ing occurred at last year's grand final, the NSL will ask Parramatta Stadium to install rails behind the goals to stop crowds surging forward.

□ THE 1989 finals series attracted 54,892 spectators.

The grand final drew more people than the four semi-finals combined, with 9,326 watching the preliminary final.

Average attendance per play-off game worked out at 9,148.

□ EXPERIENCE worked... Going into the match, the Marconi squad had a total of 1,729 NSL games compared to the youthful Sydney Olympic's 977.

□ The chants of OLYM-PIC, OL-YM-PIC drowned out the Marconi cheers for all but the dying seconds of the match.

For the second year running, fans of the winning team were overwhelmingly outnumbered.

There must have been three times as many Sydney Olympic supporters.

Which just goes to prove — again — it's quality, not the quantity that counts.

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Pithy Comments



Jason Polak (left) gets his header in despite Peter Katholos.

STEVE CALDERAN (Marconi captain)

"Where are the press writers who claimed that our defence was our weakness?"

"We only allowed one goal in over the last six games!"

(The press lines we saw said only that if Marconi had a weakness, it was in the defence).

GARY MEIER (Sydney Olympic)

"When the club gets the monkey off its (administrative) back it will get the fans back in droves."

"Personally I expect to have one more year. No — make that two, and I will have chalked up 20 years with the club."

"Olympic has been very good to me."

LOSING COACH EDDIE THOMSON

"We couldn't get any width."

"We lacked an experienced midfielder organiser — something along the Raskopoulos style."

"We missed someone who could distribute right and left."

"We were going to pull them all over the park, but we couldn't do it."

"In the last minute Alistair Edwards and Abbas Saad went very close, and that was it."

Coaches' Comments

Winner Mariani answers the vital questions

BY KEITH GILMOUR



"When a team (Sydney Olympic) has a player to spare, it is a matter of how they use the advantage."

"I did not think that Robert Hooker was in it as much as he should have been after the send off."

"At the same time he played very well overall."

"If we handled the pressure better early and scored, it would have opened up the game for the public."

"But grand final football is all about perseverance and determination."

"Each game in the series is hard, and you only have to look at the other results in the top five series to see that."

"I was going to take Zlatko Nasteovski off. I was not sure about his fitness."

"He kept going, so I left him on."

"David Lowe did the job he was put on to do. I regret that Vince (Colagiuri) missed out, but I have to select on what I think is right."

"The send off (of Matteo Colucci) was the first we have had all year. We have never had yellow cards like that before."

"We are certainly not a dirty team."

"We were a success in the grand final? Well, that isn't the way I look at things."

"We set out particular goals in playing, in junior development and marketing."

"I would say that we achieved 80% of what we set out to do, and that included winning the under 19 grand final as well."

"I think we can be pretty pleased with things on that basis."

"Regarding improving the way the game is run, it will take a whole range of things to make things better."

"Our own players are very professional, to the extent that they have to build their whole lives around producing football each weekend."

"Regarding my selections, I have to sleep with the decisions I make."



Not this time, Zlatko ... Olympic goalkeeper Gary Meier, in his 17th season for the club, smothers the ball at Nasteovski's feet with Robbie Hooker in hot pursuit. Meier and Hooker gave impeccable performances but could not prevent "El Goleador" from scoring the match-winner two minutes into injury-time. It was Nasteovski's 22nd goal of the season — and the most important one he has scored in a distinguished Australian career — HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE ACTION ON SUNDAY

Games televised subject to changes caused by weather

The Big Match

NSL CUP FINAL

ADELAIDE CITY
versus
SYDNEY OLYMPIC

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PRESENTED BY JOHN BELL

ABC-TV

He got his wish last Saturday when he made his much delayed debut at Paris' Parc des Princes against Racing.

Krnecic spoke to me from his temporary residence, the Hotel Mercure, where the club put him up with his wife and two children, the youngest a one-month-old daughter.

He had just returned from a training session at Mulhouse's home ground, the Stade de Lisle and was thrilled to catch up on all the latest soccer news from Australia.

He was delighted to learn that his former club, Marconi, were in the grand final.

Krnecic believes Robbie Slater can make it at his former club Anderlecht, but the news concerning Frank Farina is not so good.

He has not been included in the FC Brugge first team train-on squad of 15 players preparing for the First Division opener next week.

DID YOU KNOW?

— That Hearts of Midlothian were the first Scottish team to visit Australia?

They went 15 matches in 1959 without a loss, but only played once in Sydney because the majority of the state's best players were affiliated to the breakaway NSW Federation.

Greek enthusiasm is unmatched

BY MIKE JOHNSON



SOME 12,000 Greeks vs 6000 Italians — that is my guess how they lined up at the grand final at Parramatta Stadium.

These 18,000, plus another 5000 non-aligned supporters produced a crowd of over 23,000.

When we say 12,000 Greeks, we realise of course that many of these will have been born in Australia and class themselves as Australians.

However, when they commit themselves in support of Sydney Olympic the red white and blue flag of Australian allegiance is temporarily laid aside for the blue and white of Greece.

And so it is with those supporting Marconi.

This nationalistic allegiance to a former homeland is diminishing with each year that goes by.

Yet it may take another generation, even 30 years, before such loyalties become close to non-existent.

By then the children of young Olympic full-back Steve Georgakis will have grown to adulthood and we will be well into the 21st century.

But in this year of 1989 it is still an amazing experience to be

among people of Greek descent supporting their soccer team.

Such was the case in the crucial confrontation between St George and Sydney Olympic at St George Stadium, when Olympic won the right to meet Marconi in the grand final.

My own club commitment precluded me attending the grand final, but I was among those massed, fanatical, Olympic supporters at St George Stadium.

Such a huge following, such limited success.

They hunger for soccer success and the boost to their collective ego that it brings.

The passion, the intensity of their desire to win is almost frightening.

"OL-IM-PIK OL-IM-PIK went the chant, but it was at its most ferocious when Olympic scored.

OL-IM-PIK OL-IM-PIK OL-IM-PIK.

Soccer Abbas Saad ran like a run-a-way chicken, pounding his fist in the air before his teammates tracked him down and fell upon him with delight.

"These are noisier than the rugby league crowds," said my young son, who is a regular league follower.

Who in league could have hit a field goal with such sweet timing and power as did Abbas who hit his shot high into the net when given just two seconds of room and time by his marker,



Bobby Catlin — one of the stars of Marconi's grand final win — in action last Sunday.

Alan Pottier.

Pottier had done a good marking job all day on Edwards and Saad, in a role not his natural one.

But the true defender, the one who does a job of marking week in week out — he gets a foot in the way of such shots as that of Saad which took Olympic's legions to Parramatta Park.

That was my query about Marconi's Matteo Colucci, another midfielder now doing a defender's role. Would he be able to contain top players when under pressure.

Berti Mariani may not have been concerned by what he saw on the field at St George Stadium.

Yet he may have been by the boisterous Greek crowd.

Perhaps, he thought, they would be the dominant force at Parramatta.

Would they stand over and drown out the Marconi element?

Would they influence the referee with the power of their concerted will to win?

The 9000 versus St George did not influence Richard Lorenc.

He did refuse their belligerent, but justified demand for a penalty, to show them who was boss in the St George Stadium.

Once upon a time the Greek supporters would have rioted at such a seemingly unfair decision, in such an important game.

Eddie Thomson's features nearly exploded off his face, such was his red-faced frustration.

But the crowd contained its anger and retained the growing reputation that Olympic supporters, not only love good attacking soccer, love to win, have more enthusiasm than any other supporters in this country, but have begun to increasingly realise that the referee is a human being.

I fancied Marconi, for the big one, and was influenced by a poorish performance from an injury weakened Olympic against St George.

Probably Olympic is the team Marconi would have feared most out of this year's National League.

It is now history that a Zlatko Nastevski goal resulted in Marconi winning two titles in a row.

Now it is up to Olympic to see if they can master Adelaide City in the NSL Cup final in Adelaide.

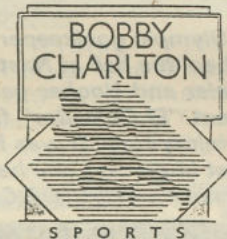
PERSONALITY PLAYER



GEORGE HANIOTIS (Sydney Olympic)

NAME: George Haniotis.
BIRTHPLACE & DATE: Bankstown, 4.6.1966.
HEIGHT: 183cms
WEIGHT: 83kg
MARRIED: No.
HOME SUBURB: Yagoona.
NICKNAME: "Otis"
CAR: Starion-Turbo
OCCUPATION: Teacher at Cabramatta High.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Bankstown Sports, Canterbury Marrickville Olympic.
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Gullitt, Rikjaard.
FAVOURITE LOCAL PLAYER: Paul Wade.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Paul Trimboli
FAVOURITE GROUND: St George Stadium
FAVOURITE MEMORABLE GAME: When Olympic beat Preston in the NSL Cup Final 1985.
BIGGEST THRILL: Winning the Schoolboys National Championships with NSW 1985, and National debut against Fiji 1988.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Injuries at start of season.
FAVOURITE POSITION: Centre-back.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis and Basketball.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Pasta and steaks.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Mineral water.
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Assorted music.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: All sports programmes.
FAVOURITE MOVIE: Cocktail.
BEST FRIEND: Steve Georgakis and Theo Karabetsos.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Family, Eddie Thomson, Mick Hickman and Manfred Schaefer.
WORST INJURY: Knee ligaments.
AMBITIONS: To play for Australia as well as overseas fulltime.
PRE-MATCH SUPERSITITIONS: None.
MOST PROMISING TEAM MATE: Davie Barrett, Steve Georgakis and Jason Polak.
PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: Gullitt and Rikjaard.

— Compiled by JOHN ECONOMOS



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Speedy Anissa Tann (with hair raised) heading a ball in the Oceania Cup game against New Zealand.



Sydney Olympic seek consolation

BY LOU GAUTIER

SYDNEY Olympic will need to motivate themselves for Sunday's Cup final in Adelaide after the bitter NSL grand final disappointment.

It wouldn't have taken much for Olympic to be gunning for the double this weekend but they failed to press home a 55-minute one-man advantage against Marconi.

Coach Eddie Thomson, who will be in Brisbane the day before with the NSW State of Origin team, believes his players will get the grand final result out of their system before the end of this week.

"Give them two days and they'll be out of the dumps and rarin' to go in Adelaide."

"The Cup final may be something of an anti-climax for us, but there's pride — and cash — at stake. We'll be trying alright," Thomson said.

Thomson has every respect for Adelaide City and rates them highly but does not know what to expect from them.

"They have had a four-week break, so it may be a case of all or nothing. They'll either be rusty or fire on all

cylinders."

Olympic will probably field all but two of their grand final line-up.

Jason Polak will be winging his way to his new Greek club, Panathinaikos, and fullback David Barrett, injured in the grand final, may also be absent.

Olympic had the edge on the South Australians in the NSL this season, drawing 0-0 at Hindmarsh before beating them 1-0 in a deferred game at the tail-end of the competition.

Without taking anything away from classy Adelaide City, as always one of the country's most enjoyable teams to watch, the result will probably be determined by the Sydneysiders' mental attitude.

Unless they bounce back, they could be in for a mauling against highly motivated and much more experienced opponents.

Olympic will again line-up with the youngest team in the National League and that could, in the final analysis, be their strength.

Wounds heal much faster when you're young...

VICTORIAN referee Dennis Voutsinas will handle Sunday's NSL Cup final.

Melta, Saad in line for scoring honours

COMPILED BY JOE DI MEGLIO

KIM Taliadoros of South Melbourne leads the scorers in the 1989 NSL Cup with four goals, by virtue of a hat-trick in the quarter-final match against Heidelberg.

But Abbas Saad and Sergio Melta, who both have three goals, can still end up top scorer as both will be playing on Sunday in the Cup final.

Saad helped himself to three goals against St George in the first round and Melta to two against Sunshine George Cross and one 'away' to South Melbourne.

The full list of NSL Cup scorers is:

Kim Taliadoros	4
Sergio Melta	3
Abbas Saad	3
Jason Bennett	2
Kevin Hagan	2
Zeljko Adzic	1
Milan Blagojevic	1
Rod Brown	1
Jon Burgess	1
Jeff Faulkner	1
Andy Harper	1
Robbie Ironside	1
Peter Katholos	1
John Koch	1
Tony Krslovic	1
Paul Lewis	1
David Lowe	1
Steve Maxwell	1
Lawrie McKinna	1
Craig Moffitt	1
Zlatko Nastevski	1
Joe Palatsides	1
Jason Polak	1
Willie Raynes	1
Steve Refenes	1
David Rezo	1
Alan Scott	1
Stuart Stevenson	1
Aurelio Vidmar	1
Tony Vidmar	1

1989 NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE CUP FINAL



Ad City expect 10,000 fans

BY ALAN CLARK

ADELAIDE City officials predict a crowd of around 10,000 for Sunday's NSL Cup final against Sydney Olympic at Hindmarsh.

And City players are eager for Olympic's scalp.

They believe Olympic may have cost them a NSL play-off chance.

And they want to make them pay in the final.

"We were angry with their attitude over the postponed game in Sydney near the end of the season," said striker Joe Mullen.

"The match could have gone on at Marconi Stadium but they stubbornly refused to move.

"We then were forced to play four games in nine days and that, in the end, could have cost us our chance for the finals.

"They also were very arrogant in their attempt to have the final moved to Sydney.

"We'd really like to make them pay on Sunday.

"The players are looking forward to this chance to take something from the season."

City have been among the goals in preparatory games against Salisbury United and Beograd after their break at the end of the season.

And they could have a 'new' formation for the final.

With Charley Villani sidelined after cartilage surgery, Adrian Santrac could be used in a deep-lying role just in front of the back four of Paul Shillabeer, Neville Flounders, Milan Ivanovic and Socceroo Alex Tobin.

Mullen, skipper Sergio Melta and youngster Tony Vidmar should form the midfield, with Steve Maxwell and Aurelio Vidmar up front.

"We are looking forward to the challenge," said coach Zoran Matic.

"It will not be easy but it should be a tough and exciting game."



Adelaide City captain Sergio Melta... hopes to lead his team to victory on Sunday and add to his goalscoring tally — JANUSZ KAMMA pic.

The road to Adelaide



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Round 1

MARCONI 2 (P. Katholos, D. Lowe) BLACKTOWN 1 (L. McKinna) after extra-time. HEIDELBERG 2 (A. Scott, J. Burgess) MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Z. Adzic). SYDNEY OLYMPIC 6 (A. Saad 3, J. Bennett 2,

S. Refenes) ST GEORGE 3 (A. Harper, C. Moffitt, A. Krslovic). SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (K. Taliadoros) PRESTON 0. APIA LEICHHARDT 2 (K. Hagan, R. Brown) SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (D. Rezo). SUNSHINE 2 (J. Faulkner, P. Lewis) Melbourne City JUST 1 (J. Palatsides).

• Adelaide City — bye
• Wollongong City — bye

Quarter-finals

ADELAIDE CITY 4 (S. Melta 2, A. Vidmar, T. Vidmar) SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2000.

APIA LEICHHARDT 2 (M. Blagojevic, K.

Hagan) WOLLONGONG CITY 1 (B. Ellem o.g.) at Brandon Park. Crowd: 465.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (R. Ironside, G. Gomez o.g. J. Polak) MARCONI 1 (Z. Nastevski) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 3056.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 3 (K. Taliadoros 3) HEIDELBERG 2 (W. Raynes, S. Stevenson). Crowd: 5300.

Semi-finals

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (J. Koch) APIA LEICHHARDT 0. Crowd: 3675.

ADELAIDE CITY 2 (S. Melta, S. Maxwell) SOUTH MELBOURNE 0. Crowd: 1500.



Adelaide City in full cry.

MATCH RULES

15 minutes each way extra time in the event of a draw at fulltime.

If teams are still equal the result will be decided by the taking of penalty kicks.

Past NSL Cup finals

FOR the record past winners have been:

- ★ 1977 Brisbane City 1 Marconi 1 — Brisbane won on penalties
- ★ 1978 Brisbane City 2 Adelaide City 1
- ★ 1979 Adelaide City 3 St George 2
- ★ 1980 Marconi 3 Heidelberg 0 on aggregate over two legs
- ★ 1981 Brisbane Lions 3 West Adelaide 2
- ★ 1982 Apia 2 Heidelberg 1
- ★ 1983 Sydney Olympic 2 Heidelberg 0-over two legs
- ★ 1984 Newcastle 1 Melbourne Croatia 0
- ★ 1985 Sydney Olympic 2 Preston 1
- ★ 1986 Sydney City 3 Adelaide Hellas 2
- ★ 1987 Sydney Croatia 2 South Melbourne 0-over two legs
- ★ 1988 Apia 0 Brunswick Juventus 0-Apia won on penalties



Tit for tat at Arlington

CANTERBURY Marrickville, recently beaten at Chopin Park, returned to form to pay back its visitors Polonia with a hard fought 2-1 win at Arlington Oval on Sunday.

And for the second week running, the twin strikers from Canterbury, Marshall Soper and Nick Oustambasidis, got on the scoresheet.

Last week the two combined to destroy Warringah while on Sunday it was Polonia's turn.

Polonia started in fine style with Jurek Nowicki, its guest player from Poland, making life difficult for Spiro Hantzis on the flank.

It was during those opening minutes that Nowicki managed to square the ball for Dennis Colluso who strode into the penalty area to slip his shot under the keeper to give his side a well-deserved lead.

Ten minutes later Gavin Thompson could have made it 2-0 but his header sailed wide with Berries keeper Chris Hummel well out of goal.

From then on Canterbury took the reins and started to look menacing.

George Kalogeras made some space on the left before cutting his low cross to the far post for Tomislav Divljak but the Yugoslav import made a mess of an open goal stabbing the ground as he attempted to slot the ball into an unguarded net.

Soper equalised with a toe flick at the near post following a corner kick from the left in the 33rd to set the stage for the second half onslaught.

A Nick Plataniotis cross in the 47th was neatly headed past Bruce Thurlow by Oustambasidis to give the Berries the advantage.

From then on a series of near-misses and some furious melees in front of Polonia's goal added to the frustration of a small band of Canterbury supporters.

With all the action at one end and the visitors' defence at full stretch, Gavin Thompson received a lucky



Marshall Soper

break in the 57th to run on to a Nowicki cross and face Hummel but could not post the equaliser.

Thompson rose high in the 70th minute to beat his own goalkeeper with a header but the ball bounced off the crossbar and was cleared.

Bernie Godzik, Soper and Johnny Radman were the best performed for Canterbury, while Richard Lasek with some last-gasp tackling saved Polonia from a more embarrassing defeat. Nowicki is a fine player indeed but he was seldom used in the second period.

CANTERBURY: Hummel, Spanoudakis, Hantzis, Radman, Godzik, Plataniotis, Soper, Divljak (Papoythis 69th), Marinos (Parison 76th), Kalogeras, Oustambasidis.

POLONIA: Thurlow, Chou, C.Thompson, Lasek, Robertson, Kulwicki, Colluso (Pratt 65th), Andersen (Beamer 46th), G.Thompson, Janduda, Nowicki.

Austral Contest

THE Australian Airlines Player of the Year award at Newcastle Austral is proving to be a close contest. Kevin Shell, Dean McWhirter, Doug Elphick and David Jones are the front runners.

But with five games to go Micky Devon and Mike Boogaard could still catch up.

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Avala's run at an end

Melita Eagles continued their good form with a 2-0 win away to Avala at Knight Park last Sunday to end Cabramatta's dream of the NSL for 1989.

Melita scored a goal in each half with the first by Andrew Callanan midway through the opening period.

Aytek Genc took a corner kick and Callanan, unmarked at the near post, slotted his shot wide of Greg Woodhouse.

Some fierce tackling crept into the game and a number of yellow cards were issued by referee Robert Marshall of Canberra.

All Avala defenders had their names taken and Greg Woodhouse was sent off as tempers flared during the second half with Melita enjoying a strong breeze at its back and Avala battling to equalise.

With 20 minutes remaining Melita sealed the issue.

A long punt by keeper Alex McPherson cleared the head of Tony Henderson and Greg Brown raced in to lob Woodhouse and make it 2-0.

From then on it was all Melita.

Brown hit the woodwork — he always seems to manage it at least once a match — then had Woodhouse making some tremendous saves close in the 80th and 82nd minutes.

Irate over some of the decisions, Woodhouse had a few things to say to the referee in the 83rd and was promptly shown the red card.

Austral challenge

NEWCASTLE Austral is still in with a chance of snatching a place in the top four after its comfortable 2-0 victory over Penrith Uruguay at Cook Park last Sunday.

Kosta Caimakamis opened the scoring with a fierce drive in the 15th minute and from then on it was a procession of Newcastle raids and some less than adequate play from the local side.

"This is not the way to play when you are fighting to stave off relegation," said a Penrith official after the game.

It certainly wasn't. Caimakamis, five minutes after scoring the opening goal, was on the spot again but this time his shot failed to find the mark.

Alvaro Perdomo tried hard but could not get his players going. His free kick after 25 minutes went inches wide, while Mark



Action from the Avala-Canterbury match played earlier this year at Knight Park.

It was the final nail in the coffin for the Tricolours who lost the game, their best player and any hope of the state title.

AVALA: Woodhouse (sent off 83rd), Quarby, Brockbank,

Henderson, Ashton, Gendle, Berry, Nastoski, Ackerley, Fitzharris (Driene 58th), Radovic.

MELITA EAGLES: McPherson, Dickinson, Williams, Barrios, Gonzalez, Callanan, G.Cerro, Gimenez (Meerban), Versi (J.Cerro 62nd), Genc, Brown.

Penrith doomed

URUGUAY Penrith slumped to a 2-0 defeat at the hands of Polonia last Saturday afternoon and is slowly running out of games to haul itself from the bottom of the table.

Polonia got on top early, in fact almost from the kick-off.

A long clearance by Bruce Thurlow was controlled by Pavel Janduda well inside the Uruguayan half.

A quick pass to Jurek Nowicki who in turn slipped the ball inside the penalty area for Dennis Colluso and Carlos Zabala was beaten.

It had taken just 30 seconds for Polonia to get on the scoresheet, but for the rest of the half, despite some territorial advantage, it seldom managed to make life difficult for Zabala.

Three minutes into the second half Polonia forged a lucky goal and ended the misery for its small band of supporters.

Vladan Radic lost possession on the edge of his own penalty area to Janduda and Polonia's top scorer wasted no time in squeezing his shot past Zabala at the near post.

Mathew Bourke had the only opportunity for Penrith in an otherwise listless team performance. His header from point-blank range failed to find the target.

Richard Lasek, Lesek Kulwicki and the newly signed Jurek Nowicki played exceptionally well for Polonia, with Salvatore Zullo and Bourke the only bright spots for Uruguay Penrith.

URUGUAY PENRITH: Zabala, Bourke, Radic (Le Fevre), Baillie, Zullo, Carvajal, Perdomo, Volloder (Pou), Clavijo, Paz, Moffett.

POLONIA: Thurlow, Chou, C.Thompson, Lasek, Robertson, Kulwicki, Colluso (M.Pratt 65th), Andersen (Beamer 67th), G.Thompson, Janduda, Nowicki.

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NSW State League Div 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melita Eagles	17	12	4	1	39	13	28
Canberra Croatia	18	13	1	4	38	17	27
W'gong Macedonia	16	11	0	5	26	17	22
Avala	16	8	4	4	20	13	20
Newcastle Austral	17	7	4	6	18	12	18
Polonia	17	7	2	8	17	20	16
Canterbury	15	6	3	6	22	20	15
Warringah Freshwater	15	3	7	5	12	16	11
Sutherland	15	3	5	7	11	18	11
Inter Monaro	17	5	0	12	14	34	10
Rockdale Ilinden	14	3	2	9	11	23	8
Penrith Uruguay	15	1	2	12	7	32	4

U/19

Canberra Croatia	17	12	4	1	45	8	28
Melita Eagles	16	12	2	2	35	12	26
Canterbury	15	9	3	3	38	19	21
Avala	16	6	7	4	30	17	19
Sutherland Shire	15	6	4	5	22	23	16
Newcastle Austral	14	4	7	3	25	18	15
Rockdale Ilinden	14	4	4	6	23	15	12
Warringah F'water	14	3	6	6	18	22	12
Inter Monaro	16	2	6	8	16	28	10
Wollongong Mac	15	2	6	7	13	29	10
Polonia	15	1	6	8	11	39	8
Penrith Uruguay	13	0	3	10	8	44	3

Top Scorers

- Greg Brown (Melita Eagles)
- Gary Cole (Canberra Croatia)
- G.Fletcher (Wollongong)
- T.Parison (Canterbury), T.Lemezina, M.Perinovic (Canberra)
- Giampaolo (Inter), Janduda (Polonia), Oustambasidis (Canterbury)
- Genc, Versi (Melita), B.Porter (Newcastle)
- Radovic, Ackerley (Avala), Reis, (Canberra), McKie, Caban (Wollongong), Callanan, L.Vial (Melita), Soper (Canterbury)
- Berry, D.Fitzharris, (Avala), Sermanni, Kulcsar (Canberra), S.Porter (Rockdale), McFadden (Sutherland), Cimarosti, Phillips (Warringah), Hantzis (Canterbury), Elrick (Newcastle), Thornthwaite (Wollongong)

NEW SOUTH WALES

STATE LEAGUE ONE

Polonia v Uruguay Penrith	2-0	1-1
Wollongong Mac v Inter Monaro	2-0	1-1
Sutherland v Warringah F'water	1-1	1-1
Avala v Melita Eagles	0-2	3-1
Canberra v Rockdale Ilinden	3-1	1-0
Canterbury v Polonia	2-1	3-0
Uruguay v Newcastle Austral	0-2	0-2

STATE LEAGUE TWO

Bankstown v Fairy Meadow	0-1	5-0
Waverley v Sydney Mac	0-3	6-0
Mt Druitt v Bathurst '75	1-0	1-0
North Shore v Campbelltown	1-1	0-3
Orange v Dulwich Hill	0-1	2-2
Gladsville v SSC Yugal	2-2	3-1
Manly W'gah v Bankstown	1-1	1-2
Granville v Fairy Meadow	1-0	2-0

FEDERATION LEAGUE THREE

Port Hacking v Central Coast	0-1	0-5
Rooty Hill v Hills United	0-0	1-1
Rooty Hill v Blacktown Utd	1-0	10-0
Mt Pritchard v Southern Dist.	1-1	1-1
Moorebank v Port Hacking	1-6	1-2
Hills United v Concordia	2-2	7-0
Central Coast v Canterbury & Dist.	0-0	3-1
Rosebery v Uni of NSW	3-0	3-1

FEDERATION LEAGUE FOUR

Hajduk Rangers v Fairfield Kiev	2-1	1-0
Cyprus United v Eastwood S/A	2-1	1-2
North Ryde RSL v Spanish Club	3-0	3-0
Croatia Syd Jnr v Trasandinos	1-2	0-2
Petersham v Nineveh Eagles	4-1	for
Padstow Park v Hawkesbury	0-0	1-0
Hajduk Rangers v Eastwood S/A	6-1	1-0
Spanish Club v Cyprus United	1-1	2-2
Nineveh Eagles v Trasandinos	3-1	0-0
North Ryde RSL v Padstow Park	0-0	1-0
Petersham v Hawkesbury	4-0	1-1
Croatian Syd Jnr v Fairfield Kiev	3-1	1-1

FEDERATION LEAGUE FIVE

Macquarie Uni v Colo Colo	0-3	for
Arncliffe v Sydney Uni	1-2	2-1
Blacktown Wand v SSC Zagreb	0-1	4-1
Chile Sports v Concord Juniors	1-1	1-3
CSI Schofields v Sporting Peru	3-2	7-1
Sydney Uni v Colo Colo	0-0	0-1
Concord Jnr v CSI Schofields	2-0	5-2
SSC Zagreb v Arncliffe	1-1	0-1
Blacktown Wand v Chile Sports	1-2	7-0
Macquarie Uni v Sporting Peru	3-3	for

FEDERATION LEAGUE SIX

Prospect Utd v Ashour Star	0-1	2-0
Liverpool City v Cobrelola	0-1	3-0
Belmore v Abruzzi	5-1	0-2
Alexander v Maccabi Hakoah	2-2	2-1
Cobrelola v Belmore Hercules	1-3	1-3
Sydney Lebanon v Lithgow Workmen	aband	aband
Liverpool City v Prospect United	1-3	0-8

FEDERATION LEAGUE SEVEN

Korean v Assyrian	0-4	7-0
St Josephs v Pagewood	1-5	1-2
Aust. Romanian v Liverpool Oly	3-1	0-7
AS Noantri v Fogolar Fulan	2-1	3-1
AS Noantri v Assyrian	w/o	w/o
Lemnos Allstars v St Josephs	2-0	2-2
Fogolar Fulan v Aust. Romanian	4-2	3-2
Korean v Liverpool Oly	0-3	1-1

Macedonia on target

WOLLONGONG Macedonia remained on target to challenge the top two for the title with a hard fought 2-0 victory over Inter Monaro at Kelly Park last Sunday.

With the breeze at their backs in the first period the visitors managed to have a fair share of possession and at times frustrated Wollongong with some strong forward forays.

Despite a strong showing Inter almost fell behind from a set piece play after 20 minutes. Adam Sandy latched on to a Paul Kay corner kick but his header brushed against the crossbar on its way out of play.

Ten minutes later Brett Thornthwaite barged his way through to slam a superb drive but Darko Fokas was in great touch to palm it away and against his own post. John Bradley picked up the rebound but failed to find the target.

Wollongong assumed control soon after the restart with Thornthwaite making life extremely difficult for the Inter Monaro defence.

He was on the spot in the 48th to pick up a cross from John Bradley and score with a perfect shot — his first goal in 13 matches.

With 14 minutes remaining a Thornthwaite cross found Graeme Fletcher and the ex-St George striker wasted



Graeme Fletcher

no time in burying his header wide of Fokas.

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Burchmore, Shaw, Cavanah, Mears, Bourke, Bradley, Kay, Sandy, Thornthwaite, Caban, Fletcher.

INTER MONARO: Fokas, Thompson, Monterosso, Santolin, T.Popovic, Carbone, Djordjeski, Strachan, N.Popovic, Ambrosino, Janke.

RADIO CALL

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In addition 2UE has also indicated they will put results to air, when possible.

Injury-time draw

SUTHERLAND Shire came from the brink of defeat to snatch a point in its 1-1 draw with Warringah Freshwater at a windswept Seymour Shaw Park last Sunday.

Backing up from its match on Friday night at Wollongong, Warringah appeared to have more of the play and stormed ahead in the 31st minute through Derek O'Neal.

Both sides slugged it out mid-match with Warringah looking set to score by the lone goal.

But in the second minute of injury-time Alex Hutcheon pounced on an error by the goalkeeper to roll the ball over the line to give the Sharks a much-needed point.

It was the last straw for Warringah who earlier lost its star defender Djura Stanimir-ovic.

He was injured in a tackle on Greg Biscaya after just 12 minutes.

He had his jaw broken and was taken to hospital straight from the ground.



Roy Cotton

Sutherland has a heavy injury toll with Steve Meades, Darrel Sharpe, Craig Hill and Roy Cotton yet to return.

SUTHERLAND: Dart, Edmonds, Seller, Terry, Nelson, O'Shea, Ensor, Hutcheon, Biscaya, Chrystodolou, Leney (Parsons 46th).

WARRINGAH FRESHWATER: Pupovac, Corrigan, Glasscock, Pierce, Dean, Stanimir-ovic (O'Neal), Etherington, Cimarosti, Campbell, Pillemer, Stuart.

A two-horse race for National League spot

MELITA Eagles, 2-0 winners over Avala, and Canberra Croatia, with an effortless 3-1 romp over Rockdale Ilinden, remain the only serious challengers for the premiership title in NSW and a place in the NSL this summer.

Avala had a slim chance before its match with Melita at Knight Park. The Tricolours from Cabramatta, set to create history should they win the League in 1989 after being promoted to the State League this year, fell by the wayside after being beaten by the Eagles.

Canberra repeated its success over Rockdale, this time at Deakin Oval. Last week the ACT outfit

triumphed 2-0 at Hurstville in a deferred match.

Wollongong Macedonia is the only other possibility to cause problems for the leading duo.

Last Friday Wollongong toiled hard and long to defeat Warringah 1-0, then strolled past Inter Monaro 2-0 at Kelly Park on Sunday. Having a game in hand on Melita Eagles but forced to play the leaders twice, Wollongong opened up a lot of possibilities in its remaining six matches.

Uruguay Penrith and Rockdale Ilinden are set for their own showdown at Cook Park this Friday night.

Penrith is at the bottom with four points while Rockdale has four more in second-last place.

The 'Gong Show!

WOLLONGONG Macedonia came one step closer to challenging for the top spot after a narrow 1-0 victory over Warringah Freshwater at Ian McLennan Park last Friday evening.

A bitterly cold night, with the breeze sweeping in from Kiama, failed to dampen the enthusiasm of some 800 spectators who came to support Wollongong in its bid for NSL promotion.

Tony Caban's 33rd minute effort made it three in a row for Wollongong and with seven to go kept alive its hopes of making the National League.

But Wollongong failed to impress.

Its first half showing was fair, and at times furious.

Caban grabbed his goal following some good work by Brett Thornthwaite but apart from a few half chances in the later part of the first half Macedonia was never out of second gear.

It relied too much on its name players to carry the workload.

Then, an inexplicable and unnecessary late tackle by Martin Bourke close to half-time turned the tables.

Bourke was dismissed by referee Alex Spirovski and Macedonia was left to defend for the entire second half with 10 players.

Thornthwaite was pulled out of the attack and Paul Mears, a defender, came on as a replacement. Fearing the worse, Macedonia coach Casey de Bruin had Caban replaced with a defender close to the end.

For all its territorial



STEVE KNIGHT (WARRINGAH) ON THE BALL

Steve Knight

advantage and some great play, Warringah failed badly in front of goal with Mark Cimarosti and Steve Knight missing the only real chances.

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Burchmore, Cavanah, Shaw, Galloway, Bourke, Kay, Sandy, Bradley, Caban (Wilson), Fletcher, Thornthwaite (Mears).

WARRINGAH FRESHWATER: Pupovac, Corrigan, Knight, Neal, Dean, Stanimir-ovic, Etherington (Gigliotti), Cimarosti, Campbell, Pillemer, Stuart.

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"Sloppy" Canberra

BY GRAHAM COOKE

ROCKDALE Ilinden drew praise from Canberra Croatia player-coach Tom Sermanni after it had battled his team all the way despite losing 3-1 at Deakin Oval last Sunday.

"We were a bit sloppy," Sermanni admitted. "But all credit to Rockdale. They made it very difficult for us — that is what we are going to face all the way in now."

The first goal had come after almost 30 minutes of frustration when Sermanni showed how to prize open a packed defence, collecting the ball in midfield and weaving his way past two defenders to place a hard, low shot at goalkeeper Keith Warren.

The ball struck the diving keeper in the chest and bounced out towards Lemezina and Marko Perinovic. Either one could have scored, but it was Lemezina who completed the relatively simple task of tapping the ball back into the net.

Six minutes later George Kulcsar celebrated his birthday by striking the second through a swarm of panicky Rockdale

players, the ball brushing a despairing defender on its way to goal.

Croatia came close to going 3-0 up in the first minute of the second half when Alan Reis' cross was a fraction too high for Perinovic to control, but within 60 seconds it had been pegged back to 2-1.

Bruno Beddoni was given too much room in the Croatia penalty area. Goalkeeper Peter Gunning stayed back on his line, and the striker took the opportunity to shoot into the far corner.

There followed a succession of missed chances for the home side as Rockdale was consistently caught lacking in defence.

Lemezina's one-on-one challenge with Warren ended with the ball trickling temptingly across the goal area to be cleared by Stuart Porter a second ahead of Perinovic, a fine, rising drive by Lemezina brought off an equally brilliant one-handed save from Warren; then a left foot shot from Ray Junna curled away and wide.

But it was all effort for no reward until well into stoppage time when Junna and Lemezina combined for the latter to destroy the over-committed Rockdale defence with clinical precision.



Ray Junna

CANBERRA CROATIA: Gunning, Marcina, Mazis, Junna, Young, Kulcsar, Sermanni, Cole, Perinovic, Reis, Lemezina.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Warren, Segretto, Pavlovic, O'Donnell, Porter, Buchanan (Lardis 68), Mircevski, Wilson (Lerond 37), Beddoni, Dounis, Genovese. Referee: J McConnell. Crowd: 916.

NSW SOCCER FEDERATION LTD



This Week's Matches

SATURDAY AUGUST 19

DIVISION 1

Rockdale II v Avala Seymour Shaw

DIVISION 2

Waverley v Campbelltown Coral Sea Park
Mt Druitt v North Shore Popondetta Park
Gladesville v Fairy Meadow TBA
Yugal v Bathurst Mona Park
Sydney Macedonia v Bankstown Jensen Park

SUNDAY AUGUST 20

DIVISION 1

Inter Monaro v Uruguay Penrith Marco Polo
Warringah F'water v Wollongong Mac Grahams Res
Melita Eagles v Sutherland Shire Melita Stadium
Polonia v Canberra Croatia Chopin Park
Newcastle Austral v Canterbury Austral Park

DIVISION 2

Bankstown v Yugal Potts Park
North Shore v Fairy Meadow Parklands
Mt Druitt v Sydney Macedonia Popondetta Park

DIVISION 3

Blacktown Utd v Uni of NSW Francis Park
Hills Utd v Mt Pritchard Fred Caterson
Pt Hacking v Moorebank Seymour Shaw

Kick-off times: First grade 3pm, Under 19 1pm, unless otherwise stated.

See a top State League match this week!

Merrick on comeback trail

BY GREG BLAKE

FORMER Preston Makedonia coach Ernie Merrick is set to resurrect his career following 18 months away from the Victorian soccer scene.

Merrick, Victoria's 1987 Coach of the Year, has decided to declare his interest in coaching again following the out-of-court settlement of a protracted legal dispute with the Preston club.

Merrick insisted on seeing the court action through before declaring his interest in coaching once again and says his interest in the game hasn't waned since he's been off the scene.

"Soccer is a very difficult game to give up — it's in my blood," Merrick told ASW.

"I had always wanted to stay in coaching after the business with Preston but it was important to prove a point by taking the court case through to the end."

Merrick, who had led the club to the league runner-up spot in 1987, was sacked by Preston just eight games into the 1988 season during which time the club had only managed four points from four draws.

Preston had made two offers of part-settlement to pay out his contract but Merrick was determined to see that his contractual obligations were fulfilled, thus the legal action.

He says the recent full settlement gave him a certain amount of satisfaction as well as it being a victory for coaches who usually end up on the outer in these matters.

"My main motivation was not the money," he said this week.

"As it was, I was one of the most poorly paid coaches in the NSL but I wanted to publicly make a point."

"When things are going wrong clubs automatically look for a scapegoat such as the coach and he is the one who takes the blame."

"If clubs were forced to see out their contractual obligations to the coach they might try, in future, to be more sensible."

Merrick says he has paid the price for his stand after knocking back several offers from State League clubs during his absence.

He says that even though the exercise was worthwhile, his promising career had died away in the past 18 months.

"People forget about you after a while but I'm hoping that



now that I've regained my enthusiasm for the game that something will come up," he explained.

Merrick refused to criticise Preston except to say that he felt that many people would still believe him to be at fault during Preston's disaster start to 1988.

"I'm not happy to walk away with everybody thinking it was me who was the culprit," he told ASW.

"I believe Preston levelled a number of nonsense accusations against me during the legal proceeding which just didn't ring true."

"As far as I'm concerned, the main problem was that because we had done so well the year before there was no planning put into 1988."

"They thought success would just be automatic."

"I went after players like Spink, Zinni, Tsolakis, Foster and de Jong but the club wasn't interested."

"It seems ironic that a number of these players have since gone to Preston and only then has the club got to be back to where it was in 1987."

Preston spokesman John Gloufchev said the whole matter was between Merrick and the club and that Merrick had no reason to criticise his former club.

"He forgets that we gave him his chance at NSL coaching, but we certainly don't hold any hard feelings," Gloufchev told ASW.



3EA Sport back on air

BY GREG BLAKE

MELBOURNE radio station 3EA's second-to-none sports coverage is back on track and running after an absence of four months.

The ever-popular 3EA sports show returned last weekend in the new guise of SBS Radio Sport.

And fans of the long-running, predominantly soccer-oriented show, previously on-air for over a decade with the durable Jose Montez at the helm, will not be disappointed.

Although the new SBS Radio Sport team will be covering all major sporting events, soccer will have its usual pride of place.

In the first show to air last Friday evening, the grand final preview edition, special on-air guest was none other than Melbourne Croatia's new heart-throb Francis Awaritefe.

Soccer, as always will be the staple of the shows which go to air on Friday at 11pm and Monday at 6am.

Host of the new SBS Radio Sports show is Frank Calabria with his co-host yours truly.

But don't be put off by that because, as Calabria says, sports fans can look forward to the best coverage ever of sport by 3EA.

"Thanks to the efforts of station manager Peter Horton we will be able to provide 3EA listeners with a comprehensive coverage of all the big sporting events both here and overseas," Calabria told ASW.

"Both Peter and the

newsroom team have given us every assistance in getting the new sports show off the ground and I feel sure we'll maintain a high standard of coverage."

Calabria said that Friday night's show would highlight the week in sport both locally and overseas and that each week there would be a special in-studio guest.

Monday's show will wrap-up the weekend and a number of sports experts will contribute to the coverage.

Frank Coletta will be providing a Sydney wrap-up, soccer expert Peter Desira will report news of the day, 'Age' sports all-rounder Sam Prenesti will report from that newspaper's sports desk, John Borg will be on hand for updates from the newsroom and Jack Gasolina will provide his accurate racing coverage.

Calabria says the new shows will cover a wide range of sports and will include features on all major local and overseas events.

"We are attempting to bring the most professional sports coverage possible to the listeners," he explained.

"We will take listeners close to the action by talking to the people actually involved and we will look for expert commentary from the people in the know."

Apart from the two new shows, 3EA listeners can still tune in for the sports updates at 6pm on Saturday and Sundays and the station will continue to provide its live soccer broadcasts from overseas on Sunday evenings.

Super League takes off

BY GREG BLAKE

THE Victorian State 'Super League' will almost certainly go ahead next season after plans are accepted during a meeting at Victoria's Soccer House recently.

The State League has recommended to the VSF board of management that the current State League be split into two divisions to form what will be known as a state "Super League" or "Premier League" as well as a lesser division.

VSF spokesman George Wallace said last week that the VSF board of management has made no decisions as yet but it is likely to implement the changes for the 1990 season.

"Currently the board is awaiting input from the Victorian League representatives before a final decision is made," Wallace told ASW.

"The format of the new leagues has also not been decided."

"We may split to 24 clubs 12-12 or 14-10. It's all up in the air at the moment."

Unofficially it is generally accepted that the new state "Super League" will consist of 12 teams, comprising the 10 top clubs on the 1989 ladder as well as relegated NSL outfits

Heidelberg and Melbourne JUST.

An extra club would force its way in should a current Victorian State League club gain promotion to the NSL this year.

The 12 clubs selected for the "Super League" would also have to meet certain criteria regarding facilities which might mean one or two of the present top State League clubs missing a berth.

Spectator base and finances are also believed to be priorities for clubs with intentions of joining the elite competition.

Although Victorian League clubs have yet to state their official positions it is believed that a number are against the proposed change as it would exclude them from the chance to move into Victoria's main league.

One club president went public to say that he felt his club, after years of fighting to make the State League, was being "fobbed off with second best."

A proposal to reduce all Victoria's leagues to 12 clubs each, similar to the one which caused such an uproar just 12 months ago, is also to be looked at by the VSF board of management.

Urukalo claims discourtesy after Apia contract expires

BY KEITH GILMOUR

MICHAEL URUKALO, Apia's 1989 coach, says that he isn't miffed by losing out on the position for next season.

But, on the other hand, as he sets out to gain more experience in the field by spending two weeks with Chile's big club, Colo Colo, he claims that his dumping was done in a discourteous manner.

"I received a telephone call saying that my services aren't required," he stated.

"I would have expected to be given the courtesy of being called in to the club and having the position explained to me."

"Then I pick up the papers and read that the club says that it can't afford to field a mediocre team again."

Urukalo reviewed the position that existed at Apia when the 1989 season began.

"The club virtually had no players three weeks before kick-off."

"I was told that there was no money to buy players, but to stabilise the situation and to do the best I could."

"I was not allowed to have an assistant coach, and players that were contacted were in two minds over joining up because after the trouble under the previous management they did not know if they would be paid."

"I got a couple of good youngsters, and then a few senior players signed."

"Compare that with Sydney Olympic where

Eddie Thomson has had three years to get the act together, and Zoran Matic's five years building up Adelaide City."

A not altogether happy Urukalo continued: "The fact that we had no depth was not of my doing."

"People seem to forget that a few weeks from the end of the season we were battling for a semi-final place."

"Throughout the year I didn't field the same team twice, yet we finished higher up the league than we had in the previous year."

"It seemed that the big Apia sponsorship was largely used to clear up debts from 1988."

"Having said this, there is one thing I am grateful for — and that was the chance to coach in the NSL."

"I know that players win games, and coaches lose them."

"I accept being sacked because I know it is part and parcel of being a coach. It is just that I think Apia could have handled it better."

"Two Sydney NSL clubs and one from Melbourne have been talking to me, and we will see how things pan out when I return from Chile."

Apia chairman Nick Papailo commented: "The fact of the matter is that the coach's contract expired. He cer-



YL SOUTH

ASW's Melbourne office received a number of complaints about the lack of information in the local press regarding the Southern Division Youth League finals.

Not a fixture or result was to be found in the daily press and even the VSF, at times, seemed confused on fixtures, venues and results.

The results of the Southern Division Youth League finals were:

South Melbourne 2 — Altona Gate 1 (qualifying final), Melbourne Croatia 3 — Preston Makedonia 2 (elimination final), South Melbourne 2 — S. George Cross 4 (semi-final), Altona Gate 2 — Melbourne Croatia 4 (semi-final), South Melbourne 3 — Melbourne Croatia 0 (preliminary final).

A full coverage of the Southern Division Youth League grand final, played last Sunday at Melbourne's Chaplin Reserve, can be found elsewhere in this issue of ASW.

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tainly was not sacked.

"I had made it known to him some weeks back that his contract was up, and the next move was one for the board."

"When we decided to let him know that he was not required I tried to trace him for three days."

"I couldn't do so, and as I had to let him know as a matter of courtesy before it got around, I had no alternative than to advise the position by telephone."

Mr Papailo expects the name of the new coach to be available shortly, certainly no later than a few days time.

20 YEARS AGO

□ Lev Yashin, the legendary Soviet goalkeeper, announced this was his last season. Yashin, 40, played for Dynamo Moscow.

□ Japan's national soccer team won the Pierre de Coubertin award as the most sporting team in any sport in 1968.

★★★

□ Mario Corti and Adelaide Juventus parted company.

★★★

□ Western Australia were beaten 4-2 by South Australia. Batchelor scored a hat-trick for the winners.

JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

Lovell's Lotto will be missed

AUSTRALIAN Soccer lost one of its most generous sponsors when Lotto Management Services ceased being the marketing arm for the NSW State Lotteries on July 31 of this year.

Lotto of the Go Lotto variety, through its managing director Alan Lovell, are in the process of winding up their corporation following the NSW Government decision to give the marketing rights to Clemenger Advertising.



It is a great loss to Australian Soccer as few have been more generous to the game in a financial and moral sense than Alan Lovell's team.

It is estimated Lotto contributed up to \$2 million in cash and kind since becoming involved, firstly with the Canberra Arrows back in 1979 and, in recent years, with St George.

Lotto's involvement with the game was more than just much-needed cash.

Their promotional activities for soccer ranged from sponsoring many coaching activities to match-day promotions, shopping centre marketing and executive

assistance to the clubs they were associated with over the years.

Much of the credit for Lotto's contribution goes to its "boss", Alan Lovell, who has been intimately involved with the game for over 30 years.

The many Sydney and Canberra football people lucky enough to attend Alan's boardroom luncheons, rated in the Sydney business community as the finest, will more than miss this involvement.

A book could be written on the football discussions and stories told at Alan Lovell's famous lunches.

In days when sponsorship is harder and harder to come by, it is a shame our game will miss Lotto's involvement.

To Alan Lovell and his great Lotto team, a big thanks from all.

Brazilian coaches overdue

SIR Athur George feels we should utilise the services of Brazilian coaches in his proposed Australian Coaching Academy.

As one of those leading the charge for over 20 years on the need to have some Brazilian influence in our coaching set-up, I was amazed to see that it is now being proposed by Sir Arthur.

Perhaps, and hopefully, his influence may see it happen, albeit 30 years too late.

My sole attempt to officially have Brazilian coaches operate here followed a trip to Brazil in 1984.

There, as guest of the fabulous Flamengo Club in beautiful Rio, I approached the AIS on my return with the following Brazilian proposal.

The proposal came from George Hrlal, the famous Rio club, the club of Zico and, more recently, Bebeto.

The Flamengo Club is



Superstar Soccer... a shining example of the sort of quality player produced by Brazil's coaching system.

like a super-Marconi club.

It is the social centre for "Fla" supporters and, more importantly, the sporting centre with youth, seniors and pensioners all participating in their sport at the Club.

Futebol, futsal, tennis, swimming, basketball, bocce, aerobics, weightlifting, volleyball, chess — you name it — Flamengo members play it.

Their proposal was to form an exchange with the AIS.

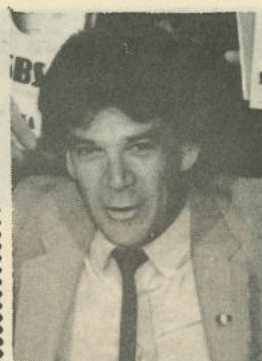
The AIS would take their best young sportspersons for a month-long scholarship in tennis and swimming while Flamengo would reciprocate with soccer scholarships with the famed Flamengo team.

Flamengo were willing, the AIS was not.

Budgetary problems was the "official" reason.

Sir Arthur's prompting today will not revive the Flamengo deal.

They were, in fact, quite offended that our best soccer youth were unable to contribute to their proposal.



Yardley awards

SOCCER will again be well represented when the Yardley Awards are staged in Melbourne on August 23.

The Awards, to "find" Australia's Most Popular Footballer, are basically a popularity contest and in terms of voting power soccer has a difficult task against rugby league and Australian rules.

Apart from the major award, each football code has two awards — senior and under 21 player.

Last year Frank Farina won soccer's most popular award and Paul Trimboli the under 21 trophy.

Manly Warringah's rugby league star, Michael O'Connor, a former soccer player, won the overall inaugural Yardley Award for Australia's Most Popular Footballer.

NSW race to the wire

IT'S countdown time for the NSW State League, with a prized place in next season's (November 5 kick-off) NSL to the minor premier.

Favourites are Melita and Canberra Croatia.

Avala and Wollongong Macedonia have a chance, slim as it may be, should the favourites slip up in the home straight.

Here are the remaining games of the four candidates for National League status in November.***

MELITA	CANBERRA	AVALA	WOLLONGONG
26 points	25 points	20 points	18 points
6 games to play	5 games to play	7 games to play	8 games to play
Avala (away)	Rockdale (h)	Melita (h)	Inter Monaro (h)
Sutherland (h)	Polonia (a)	Rockdale (a)	Warringah (a)
Wollongong (a)	Canterbury (h)	Polonia (h)	Melita (h)
Warringah (h)	Melita (a)	Newcastle (h)	Sutherland (a)
Canberra (h)	Canterbury (a)	Warringah (a)	Uruguay (a)
Wollongong (h)		Uruguay (h)	Melita (a)
		Rockdale (h)	Warringah (h)
			Canterbury (a)

***Points and games to play prior to last weekend's matches...

Steve Waugh

AUSTRALIA's historic Ashes-winning effort had a soccer touch.

One of the best goals I've seen scored at junior level was in the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup for NSW High Schools some years ago.

An East Hills High School midfielder, in a Beckenbauer-type slalom run from within his own half, beat five opponents before scoring the winning goal.

Steve Waugh was the scorer and along with his twin brother Mark were unique soccer talents before opting for a cricket career over soccer.

South African ballyhoo

IN all the ballyhoo about cricket and rugby union "rebel" tours of South Africa, it is amazing, though not surprising, that our great game hasn't rated one word.

Ask the nearest editor or the man next door to tell you the most popular sport in South Africa, and you can bet your life he'll tell you rugby union or cricket.

As is the case with Fiji soccer, or our football, is streets ahead as the most popular sport in these countries.

Seventy five percent

(75%) of the South African population is black and their sport is football.

Even in the white community, it is our football which rates with rugby union.

Players based in Australia, like Tony Henderson, who have played professionally in South Africa, will rave about the crowds and popularity of the game there.

They will also tell you that black South Africans enjoy the same fanaticism for our game as is the case in almost every country in the

world.

Of course, you won't hear about all this in our rugby/cricket-blinkered world.

In fact, it is soccer which is paying part of South African rugby union's way in that troubled country.

One example, with the ban on international tours by rugby nations, is that South Africa's rugby "shrine" — Ellis Park, in Johannesburg — is used predominantly by soccer, and by black players at that.

And, more often than not, it is filled to its 70,000 capacity.



Arsenal goalkeeper John Lukic is well beaten as Liverpool's Peter Beardsley scores the Reds' winning goal in last Saturday's Charity Shield at Wembley. Liverpool won 1-0.

MARCONI — CHAMPIONS OF AUSTRALIA 1989



Marconi goalkeeper Bob Catlin saves.



Pre-match greetings — from left: Peter Russell MP, Manny Loupis (linesman), Jim Russell.



Alistair Edwards v Tom McCulloch.

**NSL
GRAND
FINAL
HIGHLIGHTS**

LEFT: David Barrett (2) of Olympic makes ground. BELOW LEFT: David Lowe stalked by Robert Hooker. BELOW RIGHT: An all-in attack by Sydney Olympic — Pic: HECTOR CARRASCO.



NSL GRAND FINAL PICTORIAL HIGHLIGHTS



Bill, Sam Papasavas, John Constantine, Gary Punch
eves (referee). — Pic: HECTOR CARRASCO.

AND AL HIGHLIGHTS



Robert Ironside (Olympic) heads clear as Fred de
Jong (Marconi) comes in.



Sydney Olympic lines up — Pic: HECTOR CARRASCO



Colourful Marconi supporters with banners.



It could have been worse... officials and an ambulance officer rush an injured boy for attention
after crowd pressure collapsed the fence at the southern end of Parramatta Stadium after
Marconi scored and two players irresponsibly joined in the celebrations on the hill.

Chit Chat . . . Chit Chat . . . Chit Chat . . .

ON August 9 a picture of Sydney Olympic skipper Robert Hooker painting his coach Eddie Thomson's home was splashed all over the sports pages of national daily, The Australian.

What next?

The general expectation is a sequel, in which Robbie is quoted as saying: "I'll never paint the house for a lousy Scotsman again!"

NB. No offence meant!(!).

And circumstances have ruled out a possibility of a comeback by former successful coach Rale Rasic, who took the team to the heights in 1987 and 1988.

TICKETS will go on sale at Newcastle Austral Soccer Club for the 1989 Presentation Night. The big event is scheduled for Saturday night, October 21, kicking off at 7pm.

It was a case of sur-



Balloons, balloons as Sydney Olympic take the field led by skipper Robbie Hooker in last Sunday's grand final at Parramatta Stadium — Photo HECTOR CARRASCO.

CONGRATULATIONS have been the order of the day for the NSW's leading marksman, Zlatko Nasrteviski.

The Marconi Fairfield star won a place in last Saturday's NSW squad for the first State of Origin game, held at Queensland soccer headquarters, Perry Park in Brisbane.

APIA officials were rather sore over some of the names listed in the media as being under consideration for their coaching post.

IT had been whispered to ASW that Len McKendry, the former Melbourne stalwart, had been under consideration, but Apia confirmed that he had never been in the running.

Oh well, you try to win as many as you can, but you don't win them all.

Other newspapers also punted on Brian Garvey, but ASW can tell you authoritatively the urbane Englishman was never under consideration, so they really missed the bus.

City JUST and Heidelberg were relegated from the 1989 competition.

Meanwhile Schaefer's name has now been linked with Apia.

JASON POLAK won't be in Sydney Olympic's NSL Cup final team. He had to be with Panathinaikos by August 15, so that he would be available for the club's European Cup Winners' Cup engagements if required.

THE Australian Soccer Federation may be missing out on a windfall, just as they did when they refused the New York Cosmos in 1979.

Subject to not unreasonable costs by the World Masters organisers, the appearance of two teams in Sydney should lead to a house full sign at Sydney Football Stadium.

The fans would not want to miss seeing Paolo Rossi, Zico, Liam Brady et al, and the Socceroos could get games on another occasion.

In 1979 the ASF could have made a killing, but they left the Socceroos-Cosmos game to a private promoter, and it produced such a crowd at the Sydney Showground that even the promoters were unaware of the true figures.

MICHAEL URUKALO has decided to get some further experience in the coaching field by attending a three week course in Chile.

He was not exactly happy over being replaced in the Apia hot-seat after just one season in which to show his wares.

MARCONI would have been glad to have added **PAUL TRIMBOLI** to their list of stars for 1989/90 season.

However the brilliant youngster has taken a wise decision to complete his studies, and that means remaining in Melbourne for the year, much to the delight of his present club, South Mel-

bourne Hellas.

NSW Premier Nick Greiner, in his usual matter of fact way, revealed at his farewell function that he had been advised on taking over his position, that one man to go to when he was looking for advice on a subject was none other than Sir Arthur George.

Sir Arthur for his part was prepared to allow that "anyone who hadn't made a mistake had never made anything."

GEOFF GUNNING is now back to form, after recovering from a serious motor accident.

And that raises the question of whether the rangy striker will settle back at Marconi, or whether he sees his future elsewhere.

His determination is such that he isn't short on scoring potential.

David Lowe could, however, remain at Bossley Park after being drafted back into the grand final team.



Els van de Hoek is aiming to win a place in the Dutch team to play in the first Women's World Cup in China. Pretty Els is a police-woman.



Marconi midfielder Tom McCulloch reveals his excellent reading taste while being interviewed by The Australian's Ray Gatt — photo courtesy THE AUSTRALIAN.

NSW courses for coaches in Oct/Nov

A range of coaching courses have been set up for Valentine Park by NSW Director of Coaching David Lee.

The new Level 2 courses will include a 'Sports General' segment to qualify successful coaches for the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme under the Australian Coaching Council, and will also include a Class 3 referees' theory examination.

There is also a special Level 2 course for players.

This has been shortened to two weekends and is only available to players, playing first grade or under 19s at National or State League level.

A one-weekend live-in Youth Development Course for those involved in coaching elite players between the ages of 11 and 15 is also scheduled.

This is a pilot scheme for a one-week course in 1990.

Dates of the courses are:

LEVEL TWO: Cost \$77.
October 7/8, 14/15, 21/22.

October 28/29, November 4/5, 11/12 1989.

PLAYERS' COURSE: Cost \$66.

October 14/15, 21/22 1989.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: Cost: Live-in \$87.

October 28/29 1989.

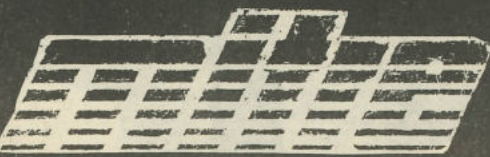
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North Star likely to say no

NORTH STAR are set to clinch the XXXX League premiership with two games to spare when they meet Orange Thistle in a Northside derby this weekend.

The Bill Williamson-coached side has skipped amazingly nine points clear at the top of the table, streeting even Brisbane Lions who were the pre-season hot favourites for the title.

But while Lions have faltered repeatedly throughout the year, North Star's fixture programme has been a model of consistency and they now look set to finish their 22 matches undefeated.

Although North Star opened a comfortable buffer against Lions when they held their rivals to a 3-3 draw at Richlands three weeks ago, any hopes Lions had of bridging the gap in the final fixtures diminished a week ago.

While North Star were grafting their way to a workmanlike 1-0 win over Mount Gravatt at Dittmer Park, Lions were struggling at home to Taringa and only a last-minute goal by "super-sub" Stewart MacLeod — his fifth this season as substitute — earned them a 1-1 draw.

Williamson believes the flag coming to O'Callaghan Park is a just reward for his side. "The boys have worked hard for this all year and they certainly deserve it," he said.

Williamson is confident his side will finish with their unbeaten record intact. He rated the match against Mount Gravatt as his team's final hurdle and is unworried about Grange Thistle at Lanham Park this weekend.

The secret to North Star's victory this season has been consistency and putting away the chances. The team has had only two major setbacks this season, the loss of Gerry Lindsay with a knee injury and Williamson for the final six fixtures of the season on suspension. Both are expected back for the finals.

But goals win games and North Star this season have boasted the two best sharpshooters in the league. Lee Scriggins has netted 16 and Jim McDonagh 15 to stamp themselves as runaway leading scorers in the competition.

While Ken and Ross Swan and Phil Mulvey have combined to cover for the absence of Lindsay in the North Star midfield, the

other success stories in the North Star this team have been in defence.

Stopper Mark Greer has taken yet another giant leap forward in a career which has blossomed since he left Mitchelton five years ago. He moved first to Taringa Rovers, where he established himself as a player of XXXX League standing, then has consolidated that over the past two years with Stars.

Just as tough is North Star fullback

Shane Haddow, who in recent weeks has covered for the suspended Williamson at sweeper. In that position, and in his previous role as rightback, Haddow has shown all the ability which earned him an AIS scholarship.

Few would argue that the premiership has been a team effort, but where does the club go from here?

In recent weeks they have indicated an NSL push is on if the funds can be secured, but

that now seems unlikely. It would not surprise if the club announced over the next week that it had decided not to contest the NSL promotion play-offs.

For a club which just eight years ago was in the QSF lower divisions, North Star have come a long way. But the step to NSL could be just a little too soon.

And with the team they have now, there is every indication the club could retain their title next year when they may be in a better position all-round to consider an NSL bid.

Heavy coaching traffic

WITH just three weeks remaining before the end of fixtures, "ticketbuyers" are queuing for the annual coaches' merry-go-round.

It is tipped there could be up to seven personnel changes among the 12 XXXX League clubs, although all is just speculation for at least the next month when things could get into full swing.

Starting at the top of the league, it would seem highly unlikely that North Star player-coach Billy Williamson would be replaced. He has achieved success beyond the club's dreams in his first year and is certain to be back again in 1990.

But the tip is he will be joined by good friend, Ipswich United coach Brian Styles.

Styles has started a new job and is understood not to have the time to devote to soccer next season. It is believed he is interested in a part-time position, helping out another coach.

Neither North Star nor Styles will comment on the speculation until their 1989 commitments are completed.

Speculation is around that Brisbane Lions coach Frank Liddell will not be at Richlands next season after the club failed dismally in its bid to keep pace with North Star this year.

Lions' only comment is that all the club's coaching positions will be reviewed at the end of the season in accordance with standard club policy. "Decisions will be made in consultation with all parties," said Lions secretary Lawrence Oudendyk.

The changing of coaches has become synonymous with Brisbane City, with incumbent Iain Fagan being lured away from Inala City this year to replace experienced Matt Carson after just nine

games.

Rumors abound that Fagan could go and be replaced by former City coach Juan Cutillas, who has been with Olympic United for the past two seasons. Again the stories are only speculation and only time will tell whether they feature any truth.

Rosedale have enjoyed spasmatic success this season in Allan Jones' first season and it would surprise if he was not at the helm against next season.

But at nearby Mount Gravatt, the rumor-mongers have been busy with the now old story that Alan Niven will take over from incumbent Roger Hoy. It is known a number of Hawks players have not been entirely happy with things at Dittmer Park this season.

But club president Bill Holmes vows any moves to unseat Hoy would see him also leave the club.

Pine Rivers player-coach Bobby Hamilton, who has achieved amazing success with his young side in its first season in the XXXX League, is yet to commit himself for the 1990 season. When asked about

his future, Hamilton said he still needed to talk to the committee about "certain areas" before making his decision.

Taringa Rovers' Glenn Davis is another one unsure whether he intends to coach on in 1990. Davis is a popular figure among players, supporters and the media. While he has got Taringa several times within touching distance of major success, his team is yet to break through for any silverware.

Coalstars player-coach Mark Brusasco has had a learning year in his first season in the player-coach role. The Bundamba club has channelled the majority of its funds into paying off its new clubhouse in recent years, which has left Brusasco with limited funds to build a side.

He has performed miracles in keeping them in a sound position above relegation.

Brusasco is likely to stay at Bundamba but it would not surprise to see him seek a bigger commitment towards the playing side of the club before signing for 1990.



Paul Fagan (Brisbane City), at right, has the football under challenge from Grange Thistle's John Ribone.

Women's curtain raiser furore

THE Queensland Soccer Federation has been targetted for widespread criticism after a decision to rank a women's match as the main state of origin curtain-raiser ahead of a game involving two of the state's best provincial sides.

The Brisbane women's Division One major semi-final, which will probably be between Easts and Redlands, has been programmed to lead into the origin match while a clash between the Gold Coast Gamblers and Bundaberg was banished to an earlier timeslot.

The Gamblers were the intercity champions this season and defending Ampol Cup holders while Bundaberg were cup quarter-finalists and a region of renewed soccer growth under new director of coaching Tony Buesnel.

Letters of protests from the Gamblers and Bundaberg appear to have fallen on deaf ears.

Gold Coast coach Jim Selby, who was involved in women's soccer for eight years, said

he did not begrudge the women a chance to be involved on origin day, but was baffled by the treatment given to his team and Bundaberg.

"We are disgusted with the way we've been treated. We were told we would be the main curtain-raiser," Selby said. "If we had known earlier, we would not be playing."

"We are a regional affiliate and should be given preference over a local club game. I feel sorry for the Bundaberg team. They have a lot more travelling to do than us."

Buesnel said the scheduling had left Bundaberg people feeling they had been invited down only to bring a few busloads of supporters to swell the origin attendance.

Australian Women's Soccer Association president Mrs Elaine Watson, who is a member of the QSF management committee, said she was delighted that women soccer had been given a prime timeslot on the origin promotion.

"The standard of the game will open a few eyes as did the Oceania tournament at Perry Park in March," she said.

Coaching Courses

APPLICATIONS can now be made to attend two coaching courses to be held in Brisbane during the off-season.

The popular Level Two course will again be staged at Perry Park in October. The course is open to men and women, who have passed the Level One course or have basic understanding of the code and an ability to demonstrate it.

The course will be held over the two weekends and three midweek night sessions from Saturday, October 7. The cost is \$75, which includes the comprehensive BHP manual.

A live-in Level Three course (part 4) will be held at the Mount Gravatt CAE from January 14 to 19, at an all-inclusive cost of \$100. The course is open to those who have successfully completed their Level Two.

For further information on both courses and applications forms, contact Bruce Stowell on 252 5327 or Reg Dyer 372 3239.

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Australian Women's Association president Elaine Watson intent on the game, along with ASF chairman Ian Brusasco.



ALL three title contenders — Juventus, Morwell Falcons and Croydon — remained on course with positive results over the weekend.

Fourth-placed St Albans, however, slipped up after a 2-2 draw with lowly Frankston Pines to keep a slender hold on a finals place.

St Albans were missing key players Zeljko Gagula and Dennis Morovic out due to minor injuries, but this didn't seem to worry the side early on as it skipped to a 2-0 lead after half an hour.

Both goals were scored by midfielder Velimir Kupresak but early in the second half, Kupresak missed a golden opportunity to crown himself with glory when he was awarded a penalty kick but he hit his shot straight at the Frankston 'keeper to meekly let the hat-trick opportunity go begging.

The Pines made St Albans pay dearly for the miss. With gritty spirit Steve Keenan and Ally Dick, showed out a lack of discipline in the St Albans backline to put the game on equal terms with only 10 minutes remaining.

St Albans coach Branko Colina could not believe his side didn't bury the opposition when it had countless opportunities to do so and was ruing

"Big Three" keep on winning

the fact that in the past eight weeks his forwards haven't found the back of the net.

And he was even more disappointed with the way Pines scored their goals.

"We have played some of the most attractive soccer all season in the competition but we lack experience in defence, which is costing us vital points. I really question the heart of some of my players. I am very disappointed because I am desperate for success," said a despondent Colina.

Green Gully made it harder for Thomastown and its survival fight after a 1-0 victory in a tight encounter which Gully coach Willie Vassallo described as a "combat".

Gully midfielder Steve McLennan scored the only goal of the match off a direct free-kick from 20 metres into the top corner of the net.

Neither side dominated for any length of time but Gully had the clearer chances. Although Thomastown had the ball in the back of the net late in the game, it was ruled off-side.

Vassallo was pleased with his team's effort but he expects much more effort from his forwards in coming weeks.

As for Thomastown, it plays bottom placed Polonia next week and has an excellent chance to climb out of the relegation zone.

Bottom

Bottom clubs Box Hill and Polonia played out a 1-1 draw in a game which reflected both teams' lowly stature.

Polonia scored in the early minutes of the game when veteran striker Boyden Bonk converted a penalty

kick.

After scoring its goal Polonia resorted to negative defensive tactics, allowing Box Hill to dictate the terms much to the dismay of coach John Brown.

Juventus

League leader Juventus continued on its merry way with a deserved 1-0 victory against Ringwood City to end that side's three-week unbeaten run.

A fine game of open, attacking soccer in front of a large crowd was the order of the day but Juventus always had the edge in class although Ringwood gave a good account of itself and was dangerous on the counter-attack.

Little striker Charlie Egan, midfielder Rino Minichello and Sean Lane were especially dangerous but Ringwood 'keeper Colin Blackley was having another fine game.

So it came as a surprise when Egan was substituted late in the game but even more surprising, his replacement Frank McGrellis was sent-off only five minutes after coming on for a foul on Paul Muir behind the play for the only black mark on the game.

The winning goal for Juventus was headed in by last year's Victorian First Division highest goalscorer, David Klepac, off a Sean Lane corner.

Croydon 3 Altona Gate 0... the scoreline suggests a one sided affair for third-placed Croydon City, but the scoreboard tells a lie.

The game was a very evenly contested encounter and could have ended up 6-5, according to Croydon coach Ian Dobson.

Altona Gate would be very disappointed

now three points adrift of a finals place but things might have been different had normally deadly striker Kevin Mullen converted a golden opportunity early in the game but he blew a one-on-one chance with just the 'keeper to beat.

Croydon made Altona pay when player-coach Dobson put his team ahead a minute before the break after a freekick from the right by Darren Scott was headed back across goal to Dobson at the far side for a cool goal.

Veteran striker Goran Runje headed in the second goal after a deep cross from the right and Darren Scott headed in number three off a corner kick to round off the scoring.

The only good point for Box Hill was its Scottish import Archie McGeachey, who has now scored two goals in as many games for the club. His equaliser was one of the few highlights of a lack-lustre game.

Box Hill's Tommy Kennedy missed a penalty and a chance for victory after a handball offence.

Hillmen coach John Brown was ruing the missed penalty and the poor quality of passing by his charges which he described as "embarrassing".

Box Hill has now much ground to cover if it still holds desires to stay in the State League.

Northcote City emerged as a serious top four threat after defeating struggling Springvale City 1-0 at John Cain Reserve.

After a good showing last week the youthful Springvale team let itself down and now faces a real battle to remain in the league.

Also-rans

Second placed Morwell Falcons beat also-rans Bulleen 2-1 at the Veneto Club after totally dominating the second half.

Bulleen surprised Morwell after 20 minutes with a spectacular opening goal, Dominic Ruccia blasting a half-volley into the top corner of the net from a good 25 metres.

Bulleen traded blow for blow with the Falcons in the first half with no better fighters than Claude Avian, Robert Krajacic, Tony Marsham and Rick Dalben.

Morwell coach Bobby McLachlan gave his players an absolute verbal hiding at the interval and his words seemed to have had the desired effect.

McLachlan's charges came out a different side after the break as it swarmed towards the Bulleen goalmouth in numbers.

Bulleen was desperately trying to resist the onslaught and defender Rick Dalben was playing a major role blanketing Kiwi international Billy Wright out of the game. But Dalben had to come off with a hamstring injury and hence Wright, enjoying his new found freedom scored the equaliser for the Falcons.

A question Mark lingers over Bulleen's fitness level as its opposition ran all over the top of it towards the end. The winning goal for Morwell was scrambled in by Rob Nelson after a period of sustained pressure.

Fawcner gave its supporters a glimmer of hope for survival after coming from behind to defeat mid-table Caulfield City 3-2 at Princess Park.

In a highly exciting encounter, Caulfield City streaked away to a two-goal lead with goals by Stojkevski and Con Pappas — his 17th of the season.

But Fawcner showed tonnes of fighting spirit, much to the delight of coach Cedo Cirkovic as it slowly clawed its way back into the game with a 100% team effort.

David Hannah pegged one back for Fawcner with a header goal but former Heidelberg winger Willie Raynes scored a fine equaliser, running into the area.

The winning goal was scored by Robert Ferla, slotting home coolly after drawing 'keeper Majek off his line. The goal was the result of the best move of the match which involved several players.

NSL YOUTH LEAGUE SOUTH

BY GREG BLAKE

Four grand finals to George Cross!

SUNSHINE George Cross won its fourth successive South Division Youth League title when it downed South Melbourne Hellas 2-1 in a spectacular clash at Chaplin Reserve last Sunday.



Andrew Marth

Cross on the break and he stormed away to angle the ball past Keogh to level at 1-1.

The equaliser appeared to rattle George Cross for a time but the brilliance of the slightly-built Zacharias and stocky Hasler combined to settle the issue seven minutes from time.

Zacharias clipped a short corner to George Karkalidis whose far post cross was nodded home by Hasler as he flew high over a defender.

Marth was called upon twice to clear from his own line as Hellas rallied in the final moments but George Cross, coached by former club 'keeper Lou Kastner, held fast for yet another triumph.

George Cross has yet to take out a national Youth League trophy but will get its first chance to do so on home soil next weekend when it takes on the Northern Division youth champions Marconi.

The match is likely to be played at Middle Park.

Victorian State League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus.....	23	15	6	2	42	16	36
Morwell Falcons.....	24	13	8	3	44	19	34
Croydon City.....	23	14	5	4	40	10	33
St Albans.....	24	11	8	5	29	19	30
Northcote City.....	23	12	5	6	31	22	29
Altona Gate.....	24	10	7	7	37	27	27
Green Gully.....	24	10	4	9	31	26	24
Caulfield City.....	24	9	6	9	36	35	24
Bulleen.....	24	8	6	10	20	25	22
Frankston Pines.....	24	7	8	9	31	38	22
Thomastown.....	24	6	9	9	22	32	21
Ringwood.....	24	6	7	11	19	38	19
Springvale City.....	24	5	7	12	17	24	17
Fawcner.....	23	6	5	12	20	35	17
Box Hill.....	23	3	9	11	17	30	15
Polonia.....	24	2	4	18	12	52	8

Top Scorers

17: C. Pappas (Caulfield) 14: Humble (Croydon), 13: McMullen (Altona Gate), 11: Basara (Morwell), 10: Morovic (St Alb), Egan (Juventus), 9: Cocker (N'cote), Wright (Morwell), 8: Carlora (T'own), Scott (Croydon).

THIS WEEK'S GAMES:

Altona Gate v Juventus, Morwell Falcons v Box Hill, St Albans v Northcote, Green Gully v Frankston Pines, Polonia v Thomastown, Ringwood v Bulleen, Fawcner v Croydon City, Springvale v Caulfield.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

JACK Braidwood, coach of the other PGH Cup finalist, Para Hills, admits he is greedy.

"I want the cup and also to make sure we avoid relegation," he said.

Braidwood feels Para can upset Modbury in the final.

"They beat us 2-0 the last time we met but we gave them two goals," said Braidwood. "There will be no gifts now."

★★★

USC Lion has fixed up an interesting junior player.

He is Mario Korcek from Bratislava in Czechoslovakia.

Another import, James Temperley, formerly of Campbelltown, could be on his way home to Scotland sooner than expected.

He sought a clearance to play in Darwin with Olympic on his way home. But that has been denied.

★★★

PARENTS of soccer-mad kids in the southern suburb of Willunga reportedly walked out of last week's Council meeting there after their proposal for a soccer pitch was left out of the budget for the third consecutive year.

The Willunga junior club was formed four years ago and has 100 players.

Club organisers had wanted council to upgrade Bassett St Reserve for a junior half-size pitch and form a full-size pitch on waste ground at Linear Park.

But a \$2000 Federal Government grant to help the Council develop a soccer pitch will be used to upgrade Willunga High School oval.

The club plays games there but often has found the pitch unplayable in winter.



Aurelio Vidmar (Adelaide City) in stripes faces a blocking tackle from Blacktown City defender Kurt Reynolds in the last game of the NS regular season. Blacktown won 3-2 and avoided relegation — Janusz Kamma.

Heidelberg win 5-1 in Penang

HEIDELBERG won the first of their four matches in Malaysia with a 5-1 hammering of Penang at Penang City Stadium last Friday evening.

The attendance was meagre due to the live telecast of the Everton v Malaysia game in Kuala Lumpur at the same time.

Kim Taliadoros notched a hat-trick in

an outstanding display of opportunism and class.

The Bergers opened the scoring after nine minutes when Trimboli passed to Peter Tsoulakis, who in "Zico" style, put Steve Tasios through to score from 15 metres.

Four minutes later, it was 2-0 when a defender tried to back-pass to the Penang goalie, only to see Taliadoros nip in to score.

In the 31st minute Tasios was fouled in the penalty area and John Kanesoulis scored Number Three.

Five minutes before half-time, Penang pegged back a goal, Rahman Mena scoring from 18 metres.

Taliadoros completed his hat-trick in the 52nd minute, scoring from just outside the area after beating three defenders.

Penang were awarded a penalty in the 73rd minute but the shot was brilliantly saved by Heidelberg's 18-year-old goalkeeper Dean Anastasiadis.

Tasios, Mehmet Durakovic, Taliadoros, Trimboli and

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Cup semi-finals re-scheduled

THE semi-finals and finals of the Federation and Viscount Cups, postponed after the Australian Institute of Sport decided to rest its floodlit pitches, will now be played as a last act to the local season after the Ampol Cup top-four tournament.

The details are: Federation Cup, September 10, 2.30pm, Canberra Croatia v Tuggerah United (Wanniassa Oval); Belconnen United v Canberra City Concordia (O'Connor Oval); final, September 17, O'Connor Oval, 2.30pm. Viscount Cup, September 10, 12.30, Juventus v Weston Creek (Wanniassa Oval); Belconnen United v Canberra City Concordia (O'Connor Oval); final, September 17, O'Connor Oval 12.30pm.

— GRAHAM COOKE

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WHISPERS

STAR Polonia striker Mariusz Niewiadomski is due to return to Poland once his contract expires in October.

But two or three local clubs may be very interested in his future thereafter!

★★★

HELLAS is building up the hard work for the NSL playoffs.

Players were treated to a lighter than usual run last week after sealing the Foundation SA State League title.

But coach Peter Jaksa has stepped up the build-up. He has told players exactly what they can expect against Victorians in the play-offs.

"It definitely is going to be tough," said skipper Alby Kidd. "But we have to get forward and then work our butts off getting back to cover. We must take responsibility individually in the games."

★★★

RIVER Rangers warmed up for the Riverland League decider against Olympic at Renmark by downing Renmark Inter 22-0.

FIFA whistler Donald Campbell handled the game and reported Rangers also hit the woodwork 11 times — entertainment indeed for the 17 fans.

Rangers and Olympic meet again on Sunday in the Riverland Cup final.

★★★

POLONIA officials expect new coach Stan Cygan to be here in November.

Papers have been lodged for the former player, who will succeed Zigmunt Gutowski as coach. Gutowski leaves at the end of the season.

Cygan played with Polonia in the '70s and coached the club in 1983.

★★★

A SET of brothers could line up in both the Para Hills and Modbury sides in the PGH Federation Cup final on Friday, September 1.

Goalkeeper Martyn and striker Barry Crook could play for Para with the Kent brothers Bryan and Terry in the Modbury squad.

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COACH Robert Marwe believes his Croatia side should learn a lesson in aggression from the PGH Federation Cup loss to Modbury.

"Two points against Lion this week definitely are more important than the Cup," said Marwe. "But I'm tired of us getting into winning positions and then throwing games away. There is nowhere nearly enough aggression in the side."

"In this League you have to get stuck in to get results. Hopefully, we have learnt that lesson. In my frame of mind, I'm taking nothing for granted until the final whistle," said Marwe.

"We have thrown away up to 12 points this season. If we had taken them, where would we have been on the table?"

★★★



KIM TALIADOROS

Nick Ousalkis were the best Heidelberg players in an entertaining match.

US women seek tour

THE women's soccer team from St Marys College, California has contacted ASW to request help from the Aussie soccer fraternity.

The St Marys College ladies' team is interested in coming to our shores next year for a five-match soccer holiday and are keen to hear from anyone able to offer either friendly games or accommodation.

The group of 25 young ladies aged between 18 and 21 years of age will be here between July 29 and August 18, 1990.

The team is prepared to pay its own way but they need information and costs on possible accommodation and the usual associated travel costs.

Anyone willing to help out should contact the team coach, Mr Saris, at St Marys College, Box 5100, California, USA, 94575, or he can be called on 415 376 4411 ext. 415.

— GREG BLAKE

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Adelaide Hellas	20	17	2	1	48	11	36
W.T. Birkalla	20	11	5	4	31	24	27
Polonia	20	11	2	7	33	19	24
E.D. Azzurri	20	8	6	6	30	23	22
Salisbury	20	8	6	6	28	24	22
Modbury	20	7	8	5	20	18	22
USC Lion	20	8	4	8	23	34	20
Croatia	20	5	6	9	21	27	16
Adelaide City	20	4	8	8	16	25	16
Port Adelaide	20	5	4	11	24	31	14
Para Hills	20	3	6	11	15	28	12
Campbelltown	20	2	5	13	11	36	9

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Beograd	16	13	2	1	34	48	28
Cumberland	16	9	4	3	23	15	22
Blackwood	16	8	5	3	21	12	21
Seaford	16	7	4	5	23	21	18
Enfield	16	4	7	5	18	18	15
Noarlunga	16	5	4	7	17	22	14
Elizabeth City	16	5	3	8	15	28	13
C.D. APAC	16	5	2	9	24	31	12
Asteras	16	3	3	10	13	22	9
Omonia	16	3	2	11	20	30	6

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□ The UEFA voted to end the drawing of lots after drawn matches. As from 1970, tied games will be decided on penalties.

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Dynamo Kiev became the first team from the USSR to tour the USA.

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	CANTERBURY	POLONIA	5	2	1
	PENRITH	NEWCASTLE	6	0	2
	MT. DRIUIT	BATHURST	7	1	-
	NORTH SHORE	C'BELLTOWN V.	8	1	1
	ORANGE W.	DULWICH HILL	9	0	1
	GLADESVILLE	YUGAL	10	2	2
	MANLY	BANKSTOWN	11	1	1
	GRANVILLE	FAIRY MEADOW	12	1	0
	THOMASTOWN	GREEN GULLY	13	0	1
	CROYDON	ALTONA GATE	14	3	0
	BOX HILL	MARYIBYRNONG	15	1	1
	BULLEEN	MORWELL	16	1	2
	FRANKSTON	ST. ALBANS	17	1	2
	RINGWOOD	JUVENUS	18	0	1
	ALBION	BROADM'DOWS	19	1	1
	NUNAWADING	MORDIALLOC	20	1	1
	NERANG	INALA	21	1	2
	NEWMARKET	WILLOWBURN	22	1	1
	BURNIE	CALEDONIANS	23	1	1
	WHITE EAGLE	GLENDORCHY	24	1	1
	HOBART J.	LAUNCESTON J.	25	1	1
	LK. MACQUARIE	STOCKTON	26	1	1
	CARDIFF	CESSNOCK	27	1	1
	WESTON	W. WALLSEND	28	1	1
	TORONTO-A.	NEWCASTLE M.	29	1	1
	MAITLAND	BUDGEWOI	30	1	1
	BERESFIELD	LAMBTON	31	1	1
	NELSON BAY	MEREWETHER	32	1	1
	NEWCASTLE P.	DUDLEY	33	1	1
	OAKLEIGH UTD.	COLLINGWOOD	34	1	1
	LATROBE	HAWTHORN	35	1	1
	E. RICHMOND	PHILLIP INST.	36	1	1
	BALWYN CITY	WATERLEY	37	1	1
	DIGGERS REST	NORTHERN UTD.	38	1	1

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Rosebuds top the selections for Solomon Islands tour

ADAMSTOWN Rosebuds have released six players to join a Northern NSW Soccer Federation representative team for a four-day tour to the Solomon Islands near the end of this month.

The request from the Solomon Islands Football Federation to the Australian Soccer Federation for a representative team to play two games in Honiara was referred to Northern NSW late last week.

Solomon Island officials expressed their need for the tour as a warm-up exercise before their national team's participation in the Melanesia Cup tournament to be held in Fiji in October.

Northern NSW agreed to the proposed terms and conditions and a 14-member squad under Northern NSW Director of Coaching Ken Kaiser will leave on August 24, play on August 25 and 26, and return on August 28.

The squad is: Steve Dorman, Scott Dorman, Andy Stankovic, John Macquarie (capt).

Harold Lonsdale passes on

RELATIVES, friends and football associates last week mourned the passing of former top-class goalkeeper and international referee Harold Lonsdale.

Harold, despite his stocky build, was an outstanding custodian with Cessnock, Mayfield United and Swansea-Belmont.

In later years, the experience he gained as a player was evident during his time as a referee, leading him to international status when he was given control of a match between Australia and China in Sydney during the 1950s.

He was also a noted cricketer with Belmont.

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Ross Wells, David Bock (Adamstown Rosebuds), Martin Ansell, Scott Wilson, Paul Waddingham (West Wallsend), Brett Mehrton, Dennis King (Weston Bears), David Simm (Cardiff Tigers), Michael Hughes (Cessnock City), Doug Warne (Belmont-Swansea Utd).

The assistant coach-masseur will be Les Bee and the team manager is Federation Director Ernie Lamb.

The team will be sponsored by Umbro International (Australia). Newcastle referee Jim Reeves, who had charge of last weekend's National League Grand Final between Marconi and Sydney Olympic in Sydney, will travel with the team to referee the

two representative games and to conduct a referees' seminar in Honiara.

Newcastle Austral players were not considered for selection because of the club's important fixtures approaching the end of the NSW State League premiership.

Adamstown Rosebuds secretary Pat Clarke raised no objection to six of his team being invited to make the tour, despite the fact that they will be away when Adamstown plays Lake Macquarie City in a semi-final of the Benchmark Cup competition on August 26.

"We will still put a good team on the park in defence of the trophy we won last year," he said.

Newcastle trio vies for Young Soccerroo places

THREE Northern NSW players have been included in a 30-man squad targeted for the World Youth Championship to be held in Nigeria in 1991.

They are Adamstown's Shane Block

and Scott Wells and Austral United's Craig Jones.

Block and Wells, the younger brother of Ross Wells, a member of the Northern NSW team to visit the Solomon Islands this month, are both training full time at the Australian Institute of Sport.

NORTHERN NSW

FIRST DIVISION FIRST GRADE

West Wallsend	14	11	1	2	25	11	34
Adamstown	14	10	3	1	32	12	33
Western Wkrs	14	10	1	3	32	14	31
Cardiff	13	8	1	4	19	16	25
Highfields Azz	14	6	2	6	25	28	20
Lake Macquarie	13	5	2	6	18	19	17
Belmont-Swan	15	4	1	10	21	25	13
Cessnock City	15	3	3	9	16	26	12
Stockton	16	2	4	10	17	32	10
Wallsend	14	1	4	9	8	30	7

RESERVE GRADE

West Wallsend	14	11	1	2	39	14	34
Adamstown	14	10	1	3	30	18	31
Belmont-Swan	15	9	2	4	26	12	29
Stockton	16	6	3	7	31	34	21
Lake Macquarie	13	4	5	4	19	16	17
Western Workers	14	3	5	6	9	14	14
Wallsend	13	3	4	6	17	27	13
Cessnock City	15	3	4	8	22	34	13
Cardiff	13	3	3	7	17	23	12
Highfields Azz	13	4	0	9	19	37	12

UNDER 18

Belmont-Swan	15	9	4	2	21	7	31
Highfields Azz	12	8	3	1	23	4	27
Western Workers	14	8	3	3	24	6	27
Adamstown	14	7	3	4	24	12	24
West Wallsend	13	8	0	5	23	13	24
Cardiff	13	6	3	4	16	10	21
Lake Macquarie	13	6	3	4	14	10	21
Stockton	16	3	1	12	14	44	10
Cessnock City	15	1	4	10	11	30	7
Wallsend	13	0	2	11	6	34	2

SECOND DIVISION FIRST GRADE

Toronto-Awaba	18	10	5	3	48	20	35
Newcastle Mac	16	8	6	2	33	23	30
Mayfield United	17	7	7	3	26	20	28
Edgeworth	16	8	3	5	23	14	27
Maitland Magpies	17	7	5	5	28	26	26
Newcastle Croat	16	7	2	7	26	25	23
Belmont	15	6	3	6	25	23	21
Beresfield Utd	17	3	6	8	24	38	15
Westlakes	16	3	5	8	23	41	14
Lambton Jaffas	13	3	4	6	13	19	13
Budgevlei	15	1	4	10	22	42	7

RESERVE GRADE

Toronto-Awaba	18	13	4	1	39	12	43
Westlakes Utd	16	11	2	3	26	12	35
Newcastle Mac	16	8	5	3	23	16	29
Maitland Magpies	17	8	4	5	21	18	28
Belmont	15	6	2	7	26	15	20
Mayfield United	17	5	5	7	11	16	20
Budgevlei	15	5	3	7	18	19	18
Edgeworth	16	4	5	7	10	14	17
Lambton Jaffas	13	3	4	6	17	21	13
Newcastle Croat	16	3	2	11	16	40	11
Beresfield	17	3	2	12	12	36	11

UNDER 18

Maitland	17	14	2	1	50	7	44
Toronto-Awaba	18	12	3	3	26	9	39
Budgevlei	15	9	1	5	33	17	28
Newcastle Mac	16	8	2	6	33	11	26
Mayfield	17	7	3	7	26	27	24
Belmont	14	7	2	5	29	14	23
Edgeworth	15	6	2	7	13	18	20
Westlakes Utd	16	5	4	7	9	16	19
Lambton Jaffas	13	4	0	9	12	37	12
Newcastle Croa	16	2	3	11	15	45	9
Beresfield	17	1	2	14	5	50	5

THIRD DIVISION FIRST GRADE

Raymond Terr	17	14	2	1	49	17	44
Cooks Hill	16	10	1	5	38	22	31
Newcastle Pol	16	7	5	4	33	29	26
Dudley-Rd	14	8	0	6	27	20	24
Kurri Kurri	16	7	3	6	21	21	24
Merewether	17	6	3	8	29	35	21
South Cardiff	16	6	2	8	21	24	20
Morrissey	15	5	2	8	18	27	17
Nelson Bay	16	3	2	8	18	27	17
Maitland Utd	15	1	4	10	12	34	7

RESERVE GRADE

Raymond Terr	17	12	3	2	55	10	39
Cooks Hill	16	11	2	3	43	20	35
Dudley-Rd	14	8	2	4	23	14	26
South Cardiff	16	8	1	7	21	24	25
Morrissey	15	8	0	7	23	24	24
Merewether	17	6	1	10	23	28	19
Kurri Kurri	16	4	4	8	12	22	16
Newcastle Pol	16	3	6	7	16	27	15
Maitland	15	4	2	9	17	36	14
Nelson Bay	16	2	5	9	15	43	11

FOURTH DIVISION FIRST GRADE

Newcastle Oly	16	12	4	0	43	17	40
Kahibah	17	11	4	2	37	13	37
Kotara South	16	7	6	3	28	19	27
Uni Newcastle	16	8	3	5	23	22	27
Charlestown	17	6	3	8	22	31	21
Kearsley	15	4	6	5	18	21	18
Cardiff Rail	15	5	2	8	23	30	17
Muswellbrook	14	4	2	8	18	25	14
Thornthorpe	17	3	4	10	19	24	13
South Wallsend	15	1	2	12	19	48	5

RESERVE GRADE

Kotara South	16	13	1	2	47	11	40
Kahibah	17	10	2	5	30	13	32
Newcastle Oly	16	9	3	4	36	17	30
Kearsley	15	6	6	3	17	18	24
Uni of N'castle	16	6	5	5	19	13	23
Thornthorpe	17	5	4	8	17	27	19
Charlestown	17	5	2	10	20	30	17
South Wallsend	15	5	1	9	13	30	16
Cardiff Rail	15	3	4	8	18	28	13
Muswellbrook	14	2	2	10	11	41	8

NSW YL POINTS

DIVISION 1

U13: Sutherland, 39, Syd Olympic 37, St George 36, Apia 34, Marconi 29, Illawarra 28, Blacktown 28, Croatia 27, Nepean 16, Melita 16, Bankstown 15, Canterbury 13, Ku-ring-gai 8, Canterbury/Marrickville 4.

U14: St George 41, Syd Olympic 33, Melita 31, Apia 28, Bankstown 27, Illawarra 26, Blacktown 23, Nepean 22, Sutherland 22, Marconi 21, Canterbury 19, Croatia 18, Canterbury/Marrickville 11, Ku-ring-gai 6.

U15: Croatia 45, Melita 37, Apia 36, Syd Olympic 36, Canterbury/Marrickville 30, Blacktown 23, St George 23, Marconi 22, Bankstown 17, Sutherland 16, Canterbury 12, Nepean 10, Illawarra 9, Ku-ring-gai 8.

U17: Croatia 41, St George 40, Syd Olympic 36, Apia 35, Melita 32, Blacktown 27, Marconi 21, Canterbury/Marrickville 19, Sutherland 17, Nepean 15, Bankstown 11, Ku-ring-gai 7, Illawarra 0.

DIVISION 2

U13: Macarthur 41, Freshwater 32, Gladesville 29, Sth Dist. 26, Avala 21, Balclutha Ass. 19, Manly 18, Central Coast 17, Uruguay 13, Polonia 9, Yugal 8, Rockdale 7.

U14: Rockdale 36, Central Coast 34, Macarthur 28, Avala 28, Gladesville 22, Sth Dist 21, Manly 21, Polonia 16, Yugal 12, Freshwater 10, Uruguay 10, Blacktown Ass. 6.

U15: Macarthur 33, Freshwater 30, Polonia 25, Manly 24, Sth Dist 23, Gladesville 22, Central Coast 20, Yugal 19, Rockdale 19, Blacktown Ass. 14, Avala 14, Uruguay 1.

U17: Macarthur 31, Sth Dist 28, Freshwater 26, Blacktown Ass 25, Manly 22, Gladesville 20, Avala 20, Yugal 15, Rockdale 14, Polonia 11, Uruguay 9, Central Coast 9.

METRO DIV 1

U11: Canterbury 27, Sutherland 16, Sth Dist 14, Bankstown 13, Sth & East 13, Gladesville 11, St George 10, Granville 6.

U12: Granville 22, St George 19, Bankstown 14, Canterbury 13, Sth Dist 11, Sutherland 11, Sth & East 10, Gladesville 8.

METRO DIV 2

Manly 22, Blacktown 18, Nepean 14, Central Coast 13, Macarthur 12, Ku-ring-gai 9, Sth Branch 9, Illawarra 9.

U12: Macarthur 23, Blacktown 21, Sth Branch 19, Nepean 16, Illawarra 11, Manly 10, Ku-ring-gai 5, Central Coast.

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Christie Park development ready for the 1989 season

THE development of a major district soccer ground at Christie Park, North Ryde, is proceeding at full pace following the end of Sydney's recent deluges.

The work is being handled by Ryde Municipal Council, with the Gladesville Hornsby Football Association involved in financing and other arrangements.

Christie Park will become the headquarters of Gladesville Hornsby Football Club in the NSW State League Second Division, as well as for the district's representative teams.

A spokeswoman said: "The floodlighting system has been installed and trialled, and it was proved that it will be a great asset for the code.

FUTSAL

Monaro rockets into JHNISL

FROM GRAHAM COOKE

THE Canberra Rockets — a founder member of the James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League — will not be taking part in the 1989-90 season which begins next month.

The executive chairman of Australian Futsal, Joe Brent, confirmed from Sydney that the Rockets had not been able to meet their full financial commitments to the competition.

"They had some dollars but not enough," he said.

when the Rockets were really the Trevor and George (Kyrgios) show," he said.

"We talked with a lot of people who seemed interested but in the end no-one came across with hard cash.

"Monaro will have a clear run at all the top



JOE BRENT

"We were not prepared to run the risk of them starting, then having to withdraw in mid-season. It was simply that they could not give us proof of their viability."

The decision leaves the ACT area with one team, untested newcomer Inter Monaro, when the league kicks off on September 2.

Vizovites said preparations for the new season, which included a juniors section and a Rockets entry in the newly-formed national women's league, had been well advanced.

"But we lacked a sponsor.

"We were not prepared to carry on as we had done in the past

players now, but I am warning them — this league will be no pushover and they will struggle without a top coach."

The Rockets won the minor premiership of the inaugural competition in 1985-86, losing to Sydney Tornados in the grand final.

They have failed to make the final four in the three seasons since.

Monaro opens its fixtures with a match in Sydney against the Kellyville Commodores, followed by a home double header the following weekend against White Eagles and the Bankstown NIB Tornados.

games. "We expect everything to be ready for a Gala Day opening at the start of the 1990 season."

The Christie Park ground is well situated in Talavera Rd, North Ryde, right beside Macquarie University, and no distance from the huge Macquarie shopping centre.

Its completion will signal the completion of a long treasured ambition for the association, which has spent countless hours tracking down various proposals until the Christie Park deal became a reality.

— KEITH GILMOUR

EDITOR

WITH Sydney and the television audience having been gripped by a tense and tough grand final decider, the focus of attention moves on to Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, for Sunday's Adelaide City vs Sydney Olympic Cup final.

Marconi's effort — albeit in injury-time — at the expense of the brave Sydney Olympic youngsters, will rightly enter the annals of Australian soccer history.

The clubs and the league as well as the fans themselves are to be congratulated on the size of the 23,000-plus crowd.

The true capacity of Parramatta Stadium is 27,000, which means that a little more sensible promotion would have meant a full house.

The NSW Federation demonstrated the way to achieve sell-outs with their promotion for the Australian Soccer Federation of the Australia-Israel World Cup game.

Had that pattern been followed to the T, then the whole of the sporting community would have been discussing soccer's re-emergence on the national sporting scene.

On top of that, a way has to be found to ensure the obtaining of major grounds in Sydney for the semi-final and final.

Melbourne has Olympic Park available. Sydney must book in advance, and get the support of the trusts involved.

Thankfully, the rugby league came to soccer's aid on this occasion.

If the NSL achieves the assistance of the NSW Federation and the Amateurs, a 35,000 crowd at Sydney Football Stadium is possible, especially if the right teams appear.

Having said all that, the other lesson from the grand final concerns the presentation.

It is not known who was in charge, but the whole show was a fiasco.

The list of foul-ups would run from here to the Black Stump.

Even the semblance of professionalism would have raised the show by 1000%.

But, aside from the crowd crush, it had the saving grace of being a happy, good-natured occasion.

More of this situation later.

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"With five minutes to go I felt I was bound to be replaced.

"Really, I did not get that involved throughout the game."

Could that goal signal the end to a fairytale finish of a glorious career at Marconi Stadium?

Marconi, with its excellent cash flow and remarkable facilities, is ready to leave the mark in preparation for the 1989/90 series, which kicks off on November 5.

Berti Mariani said: "Marconi has now to look to the 1989/90 season, and there will not be many changes.

"It is natural that, as we have proved ourselves the best, others will want to take over from us.

"I don't want to lose any players, but changes inevitably come."

Meanwhile George Pashalis, Sydney Olympic's amiable but dedicated president, says his committee has its nose to the grindstone for the Cup final at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday.

Coach Eddie Thomson said: "I'd say the squad will have five weeks to relax and then they will be back into it again."

DID YOU KNOW?

— That Brazil is the only South American country to have won a World Cup staged in Europe?

They achieved the feat in Sweden, in 1958.

No European country has managed to win a world title on Latin American soil.

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— That the Merdeka Cup is Asia's oldest international tournament?

Started in 1963, to celebrate Malaysia's independence, the tournament predates South Korea's President's Cup, Singapore's Merlion Cup and Thailand's King's Cup.

Australia never participated, but Western Australia took part in 1967, 68, 69 and 1970.

★★★

— That intrastate North v South representative games were played in NSW from 1928 until 1962, usually on Anzac Day?

Fifty-two such matches were staged, with the South winning 28, the North 16 and eight drawn.

Darby sets directions for National women

FROM GRAHAM COOKE

"MY aim as national coach is to have the 16 best players in my squad.

"Now that might sound obvious but it has rarely, if ever, happened over recent years.

"It's the single biggest factor retarding the development of Australia on the international scene.

"If we don't address it we might as well pack up and stay home."

With that challenging statement Australian senior women's coach Steve Darby foreshadowed a new, aggressive era for the national team — and an end to the 'soccer holiday' attitude which has been so damaging to the nation's status in international competition in the past.

Citing this year's Oceania Cup series where Australia failed to make the final despite having home advantage — "it was a disaster, it must not happen again," — Darby said he would aim to professionalise all aspects of team selection and preparation.

"I want total freedom of choice in the selection of my immediate staff — it is essential that after free discussion we are all thinking in the same direction and that there is quality input."

But it is with player selection that Darby is at his most radical.

He plans a contract system where the individual is guaranteed a place in the squad for a set period in return for a professional approach to training, camps and competition.

"My initial plan is to give an elite squad of about 12 contracts from September 1989 to December 1990, up to and including the China Cup in Taiwan," he said.

"That would be what we are aiming for in the absence of any firm announcement as to date and time for the first Women's World Cup.

"The World Cup will obviously have to play a part in our planning but I have no wish to lead players on with the lure of such a prestigious competition then see it postponed yet again."

As well as guaranteed selection in the squad the contracts would give players priority with sponsorship money, and education in relations with sponsors and the media.

"In return they must submit to regular fitness tests, guarantee their availability for all games and be prepared to assist in sponsorship programs," Darby said.

"I want the status of representing Australia at women's soccer raised to that in other sports — it will be massively difficult to achieve, but worthy of the effort."



Australian international forward Linda Hughes.

Darby has already achieved a major victory with the selection of assistants and co-workers.

It is no secret that the recent youth team appointments of Clive Mackillop (coach),

Andrew Young (physiotherapist) and Doris Haddock (manager), all had his support.

Whether he will have as much success with the much thornier problem of player selection and commitment remains to be seen.

WOMEN

Dolan chosen for NSW

ALTHOUGH prematurely off the international scene, star player Julie Dolan was chosen in the NSW squad to compete in the National Championships in Hobart next month.

Dolan is well capable of enthusing the NSW side to great heights.

Mr Chris Bell was not prepared to include former stars who showed little commitment at training and rarely attended the sessions.



JULIE DOLAN

1989 NSW Squad Members

Tracey Wheeler (Blacktown), Kim Schaeffer (Liverpool Olympic), Carol Vinson (Putney Town), Anissa Tan (Epping-Eastwood), Julie Dolan (Epping-Eastwood), Marie Russell (Putney Town), Moya Dodd (Putney Town), Dalys Carmody (Liverpool Olympic), Denise Penticost (Putney Town), Tracey Connors (Blacktown), Tracey Griskaitis (Mt Druitt), Margaret Young (Putney Town), Sharon Dewar (Central Coast), Linda Brunton (Sutherland), Sue Andrews (Putney Town), Sharon Young (Liverpool Olympic).

Train on Members

Nicole Komorowski (Mt Druitt), Julie Hebb (Mt Druitt), Janine Mar (Blacktown), Julie McGuffey (Southern NSW).

READERS WRITE

THE TEN BEST

THE Big Match series on Channel 2 should not be conducting a 10 Best Goals competition this season.

I say this because such a contest implies that the 10 goals nominated are at least praiseworthy if not meritorious.

It would be delightful if only that were the case.

The true position is, however, that very few of the goals put forward could be held to fall in either category.

The truth is that most of the nominated goals consist of nothing more than what started off as fairly run of the mill shots which became goals by reason of the fact that the keeper involved happened to be standing a metre or so off his line when the ball was kicked and as a consequence was easily lobbed.

It has been said that a keeper should never leave his line except:

1. When he knows for sure he can get the ball by going out.

2. When all is otherwise lost and it doesn't matter much what he does.

3. When going out reduces the risk of a goal being scored, eg: in corner situations or for the purpose of cutting down

the angles available for shooting.

I will not deny that there can be a relationship between Nos. 2 & 3 above, which in the main tends to be slight.

The purpose of having goalkeepers is to make goals more difficult to score and not to make scoring goals relatively easy by them standing mindlessly off their goal line.

A. Goldworthy
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THIS is a continuance of the "LATE, LATE LATE SHOW".

Enclosed is a copy of the Brisbane TV Guide for Sunday: 5pm Rugby — NZ v Argentina.

The NSL's semi-finals were yet again screened at 10.35pm.

Thank you, Mr Brusasco.

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National Schools Championship opener at Hindmarsh Stadium

SOME of South Australia's best young soccer talent has been selected in State squads to contest next month's Commonwealth Bank National Schoolboys and Schoolgirls Championships.

SA meets NT, Qld, WA, Vic, ACT and NSW in their titles from September 4-8.

The opening ceremony is at Hindmarsh on Monday, September 4. SA opens its ledger there that day against WA in both girls and boys.

All other games are at Para Hills' Paddocks ground.

Teams range in age from 14-18 years.

John Roe is coach of the boys' team, with Trevor Warren team manager.

The squad is: Carlos Buzzetti (Le Fevre), Damien Counter (Unley), David Fontanarosa (Marion), John Francesca (Enfield), Joe Guastella (Mitchell Park), Michael Hadaj (Woodville), Alfonso Ianniello (Christian Brothers), George Karitveli (Seaton), Douglas Paterson (Findon), Enzo Perre (Blackfriars), Marcello Orrico (Blackfriars), Paul Pezos (Norwood), Chris Salter (Norwood), James Stockdale (Northfield), Damien Sullivan (Underdale), Malcolm Thomas (Salisbury East), Reserves Clay Fredericks (Craigmore) and Alex Tsipantitis (West Lakes).

The girls' squad is: Mary Fomakis (Mitcham), Jo-Marie Ellis (Christies Beach), Kelly Simpson (Siena College), Jo Posgate (Morialta), Monica Loureiro (Salesian), Anne Cameron (Elizabeth), Christiana Chicco (Heathfield), Sam Kambouris (Daws Rd), Krystin Swaffer (Blackwood), Marin Kreismannis (Brighton), Sharon Black (Christies Beach), Tiffany Winn (Brighton), Ulrika Ingelstrom (Renmark), Sarah Griffiths (The Heights), Connie Marino (Siena), Belinda Stevens (Salisbury East). Reserve is Sarah Hughes (Fremont).

Warren Whisson is coach and Shirley Brown team manager.

— ALAN CLARK

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Kiwi flatmates Fred de Jong, left, and Robert Ironside — enemies in last Sunday's grand final which saw de Jong's Marconi beat Ironside's Sydney Olympic 1-0.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE NORTH

Marconi again!

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

MARCONI successfully retained their Youth Championship with a 4-0 drubbing of minor premiers Sydney Olympic and will travel south this weekend to meet Sunshine George Cross for the Australian Championship.

The Marconi back four remained rock-solid throughout the match laying the foundation for the stunning victory allowing Olympic no latitude in a tough opening 25 minutes.

Paul Carter and Paul Okon bottled up the Olympic strikeforce

while goalkeeper Brett ruled the box.

After both sides had settled, Olympic looked the more dangerous but it was Marconi who scored first when Andrew Charlewood looped his header over diminutive keeper Manuel Refenes after 25 minutes.

Geoff Gunning was always a thorn in Olympic's side, two minutes from the break the midfielder broke into the area but was denied by a reflex save from Refenes but a minute later increased Marconi's lead with a looping header that again beat Refenes in the air from a corner on the left.

Olympic, under-

standably, threw everything at Marconi from the restart but Hughes denied Steve Refenes with a good save low down and Bennett headed off target in the 50th minute following a cross from Refenes.

The final straw that broke Olympic came after 56 minutes when Arouyo was upended in the box but Olympic's claims for a penalty were denied and their last chance had gone.

Marconi replaced Vanegas with Charlie Ienco and Ienco's first touch put Olympic well and truly out of the final. The sub turned and drove a low shot inside Refenes post in the 76th minute.

Three minutes from the end Licata chased a long through ball and, unchallenged, dashed into the box and picked his spot past the goalie.

MARCONI: Hughes, Carluccio, P. Okon, Carter, Charlewood, Bundini, Gunning, Licata (Mammone), Lopez, Vanegas (Ienco), Cortez.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: M. Refenes, Triantafyllou, Oldridge (Georgeopoulos), Phillips, Scott, Hristodoulou, Aroujo (Foundas), Sharpley, Lardis, Bennett, S. Refenes.

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Francis Park, Blacktown
Mondays 21st and 28th August
5.15pm kickoff

FEDERATION LEAGUE 4 GR 1

Petersham	20	13	5	2	42	13	31
Hajduk Rangers	18	12	4	2	33	13	28
North Ryde RSL	19	10	4	5	37	17	24
Cyprus United	19	10	4	5	36	18	24
Transandinos	20	8	6	6	27	25	22
Spanish Club	19	7	7	5	32	30	21
Padstow Park	18	5	7	6	25	21	17
Nineveh Eagles	19	8	0	11	36	45	16
Eastwood St A	20	6	3	11	27	43	15
Syd Croatia Jnrs	20	5	4	11	20	37	14
Hawkesbury Dist	20	3	6	11	16	38	12
Fairfield Kiev	18	1	4	13	12	43	6

FEDERATION LEAGUE 4 GR 2

North Ryde RSL	19	13	3	3	36	11	29
Hajduk Rangers	18	11	6	1	26	7	28
Transandinos	20	9	8	3	30	20	26
Padstow Park	18	9	7	2	27	6	25
Cyprus United	19	7	7	5	32	15	21
Eastwood St A	20	8	5	7	34	21	21
Hawkesbury Dist	20	6	7	7	28	30	19
Spanish Club	19	7	3	9	28	33	17
Petersham	19	6	4	9	20	29	16
Nineveh Eagles	18	5	2	11	22	29	12
Syd Croatia Jnrs	20	3	3	14	16	46	9
Fairfield Kiev	18	2	1	15	14	66	5

FEDERATION LEAGUE 5 GR 1

SSC Zagreb	16	11	4	1	47	18	26
Arncliffe	15	11	1	3	35	16	23
Concord	15	11	1	3	32	14	23
Colo Colo	16	7	3	6	28	24	17
Sydney Uni	14	6	3	5	27	23	15
Chile Sports	15	3	6	6	26	40	12
Blacktown Wand	14	5	1	8	25	28	11
CSI	15	4	2	9	24	36	10
Macquarie Uni	13	2	1	10	15	34	5
Sporting Peru	13	0	4	9	19	45	4

FEDERATION LEAGUE 5 GR 2

Colo Colo	16	11	3	2	38	10	25
Concord	15	10	3	2	44	15	23
Arncliffe	14	11	0	3	48	17	22
Sydney Uni	14	9	1	4	34	15	19
Blacktown Wand	14	6	5	3	36	20	17
SSC Zagreb	15	7	2	6	22	18	16
Chile Sports	15	3	1	11	16	62	7
CSI	13	2	2	9	18	52	6
Sporting Peru	11	0	1	10	9	49	1
Macquarie Uni	9	0	0	9	0	7	0

FEDERATION LEAGUE 6 GR 1

Belmore	18	14	2	5	29	26	30
Prospect Utd	19	12	2	5	41	23	26
Ashour Star	18	10	4	4	35	23	24
Maccabi	15	10	3	2	34	18	23
Lithgow	18	9	4	5	37	22	22
West Dist	19	10	0	9	35	33	20
Alexander	19	6	7	6	43	45	19
GNS Utd	16	7	4	5	35	27	18
Liverpool City	18	4	2	12	26	35	10
Sydney Lebanon	16	3	1	12	31	51	7
Aburuz	18	2	3	13	17	51	7
Cobreloa	18	2	2	14	23	62	6

FEDERATION LEAGUE 6 GR 2

Alexander	19	13	4	2	76	32	30
Aburuz	18	11	4	3	39	19	26
Belmore	19	11	4	4	39	19	26
GNS Utd	16	10	3	3	43	23	23
Prospect Utd	19	9	5	3	37	17	23
Lithgow	18	9	3	6	36	29	21
Maccabi	16	8	3	5	39	23	19
West Dist	19	5	3	11	41	49	13
Ashour Star	19	4	4	11	45	62	12
Liverpool City	17	4	1	12	27	49	9
Sydney Lebanon	14	3	0	11	15	65	6
Cobreloa	16	1	0	15	13	63	2

FEDERATION LEAGUE 7 GR 1

Pagewood Bot	16	12	2	3	35	13	26
Balmmain PCYC	17	11	3	3	61	29	25
Lennos	18	11	3	4	39	21	25
Foglar Fulan	16	8	4	3	28	22	20
Assyrian	16	7	5	4	31	30	19
A.S. Noantri	16	6	4	6	28	34	16
Luddenham	16	5	7	24	26	13	
St Josephs	17	5	3	9	35	41	13
Liverpool Oly	19	3	9	24	41	13	
Aust. Romanian	16	2	5	9	29	48	9
Korean	17	1	3	13	18	57	5

FEDERATION LEAGUE 7 GR 2

Pagewood Bot	16	11	3	2	34	12	25
Lennos	18	10	4	4	38	26	24
Liverpool Oly	18	9	3	6	41	26	21
Foglar Fulan	16	10	1	5	36	23	21
St Josephs	17	7	5	5	39	25	19
A.S. Noantri	16	5	6	5	32	28	16
Korean	17	5	5	7	33	33	15
Luddenham	16	5	6	28	28	15	
Balmmain PCYC	17	4	7	6	21	28	15
Assyrian	16	4	1	11	13	41	9
Aust. Romanian	17	1	2	14	16	61	4

QUEENSLAND

XXXX LEAGUE TABLE

Taringa 1	Rochdale 0	Eastern Suburbs 0	Brisbane City 4
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P W D L F A Pts

North Star	19	15	4	4	49	12	49
Bris. Lions	18	12	4	2	42	19	40
Bris. City	19	11	4	4	45	23	37
Pine Rivers	19	8	6	5	37	31	30
East.	19	9	5	6	37	23	29
Mt Gravatt	18	5	9	4	25	18	24
Rochdale	18	6	6	6	27	28	24
Taringa Rovers	19	5	9	5	20	24	24
Coastal	18	4	5	9	21	42	17
Olympic Utd	19	4	2	13	21	36	14
Grange T.	18	2	4	12	12	38	10
Redlands	18	1	2	15	11	53	5

DIVISION TWO

Nerang 4	Inala 2	Newmarket 1	Willowburn 1
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P W D L F A Pts

Acacia Ridge	19	15	1	3	37	18	46
Bris. Croatia	19	12	4	3	41	24	40
Ipswich Utd	19	11	3	3	43	21	38
Wynnum Dist	19	7	8	4	35	26	29
Nerang	19	8	4	7	33	26	28
Willowburn	19	6	6	7	25	28	24
Inala City	19	5	8	6	27	30	23
Mitchellton	19	6	5	8	27	31	23
The Gap	19	6	4	9	19	32	22
Newmarket	19	5	3	11	29	36	18
Latrobe	19	2	8	9	17	32	14
Kingsridge	19	1	4	14	18	47	7

Dulwich Hill snatches lead

BY PAUL GOODWIN

A new leader has emerged in this closely-fought Second Division title fight, with Dulwich Hill going to the front for the first time this season.

The Madeira side prides itself on its record of topping the table in each year since its formation, bar one, but until this weekend appeared just short of reaching the coveted top spot.

The other challengers have games in hand, but Dulwich Hill can point to an easier run home than the rest, and the astute player-coach Agenor Muniz is sure to have his team at its peak in the remaining three matches.

Dulwich Hill overcame a jittery start on Wednesday night at St George Stadium, before settling down to a comfortable 3-0 win over Mount Druiitt.

The opposition had chances galore early on, but failed to capitalise and once Madeira had scored the first there was no stopping them.

Wilson Barros, brother of the unfortunate Sergio Barros, scored his first goal since returning from a stint in Portugal and the other two came from defender Kevin Gaffney and winger Victor Sergio.

Dulwich Hill maintained their winning touch with a narrow 1-0 win at Orange on Sunday and will be hoping the other sides slip up.

A nice one-two with Steven Duffy in the first half led to defender Kevin Gaffney scoring his second goal in four days, and with no game this weekend Agenor Muniz has time to re-muster his squad.

Fairy Meadow kept their title hopes alive on Saturday with a Dean Gardiner header after Darren Jones' free kick had been pushed onto the bar by Bankstown keeper Christophorou.

Next day, however, they tumbled to Granville-Chile who repeated their 1-0 win a few weeks earlier at Brandon Park.

Cristian Castro's cross was nicely converted by Raul Ponce and Meadow thus probably lost its chance to take out the title, although its top four hopes are still burning brightly.

Sydney Macedonia kept up the pressure with a 3-0 win over Waverley on Saturday, Robert Bozinovski giving them the lead after 34 minutes in controversial circumstances.

A well-hit free kick by Leon Arcosa was pushed out by Perry Stanbrook and the ball subsequently hit the post and rolled along the goal-line before being cleared.

Despite vehement Waverley protests, the referee ruled that the

ball had crossed the line and from that point on Waverley never recovered.

Further goals by skipper Billy Pilovski and Kotsias kept the Yagoona-based side on course for the premiership, but the seven games still to play will present a stiff challenge for Frank Lang and his men, who will be facing no fewer than three games in the next five days, including tonight's game with Gladesville at Francis Park.

North Shore United slipped up on Sunday at Parklands, managing only a 1-1 draw with the improving Campbelltown side, the equaliser coming in the last minute from a far-post header by Michael O'Neill.

It would have been an injustice had the Vikings not drawn level as they dominated the second half, but squandered many good chances.

The North Shore side was sadly depleted, due to a number of injuries, and lacked the ability to sustain a bright opening which yielded a Peter Norman goal after Graham Walton's shot had been only parried by Antoine Avellino.

Campbelltown had beaten Gladesville 2-1 in midweek, O'Neill and Haines scoring after Paul Mamo had given The Glades an early lead.

Gladesville, another side missing key players, came back from two down against Yugal to draw 2-2.

Good goals from Chris Card and Zoran Beluzic had Yugal in the box seat, but a misjudgement by Rosario Pinto saw a weak Paul Mamo effort creep in off the post and the highly promising Rick Giometti scored the goal of the game when finishing off a Mamo cross in the 67th minute for the equaliser.

Mount Druiitt recovered from their midweek setback to despatch Bathurst 1-0, thanks to a Darren Lowe goal in the 30th minute.

With Campbelltown also on the rise, things do not look good for the two Western teams, Orange and Bathurst.

Bankstown did well to fight back from a 0-1 half time deficit, due to Morisini's goal for Manly and Mark Callanan was the man on target for the visitors in the second half.

LEADING SCORERS

21 Dennis Duarte, 19 Fabian Kadric, 18 David White, 14 Glenn Jeffery, 12 Paul Waine, Harry Sattin, 10 Mark Butler, Sergio Barros, Neal Hunter, 9 Scott Gilbert, 8 Barry Walker, Dean Gardiner, 7 Colin Woodward, Jimmy Berry, Dean Richard Lloyd, 6 Andy Ferris, Robbie McKegan, Alan Lippiatt, Wayne Farnsworth, Darren James, Zoran Beluzic, 5 Zelko Beres, Chris Butt, Sasha Spirovski, Darren Sinclair, Craig Bass, Chris Card, Victor Sergio, Mark Callanan, 4 Graeme Williamson, Tom Gavin, Chris Harris.



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Rothmans' coaches paper

TIM Caldwell, Chairman of the Board of Advice of the Rothmans Foundation — National Sports Division — has announced the introduction of a "Rothmans Foundation Coaches Paper" award to be made on an annual basis.

Open only to, naturally, accredited coaches, the award will be made for a paper covering a topic relating to the particular coach's sport.

Conditions will be that each sport selects its best paper and be responsible for its selection panel. The culling would enable the sport to choose a paper covering an area it considered would be most value to it.

The papers would be restricted to 1000-1500 words, the award to be on an annual basis, the best 12 papers to be put together in a bound publication to be made available to appropriate sections of sport and government departments.

A final selection panel will be established to adjudicate. It is envisaged that the author of the winning paper will receive \$5000, plus a trophy valued at \$500.

The "Rothmans Foundation Coaches Paper" Award continues a tradition of assistance to sport by the Rothmans Foundation which this year celebrates 25 years both in Australia and overseas.

For further information, contact Alan Davidson, Executive Director, Phone: 02 223 6611.

Blacktown seeks referees

BLACKTOWN District Soccer Referees Association will hold a course starting 7.30pm on Thursday, August 17.

Venue is the referee rooms in Lynwood Park Reserve, Allen Rd, Blacktown.

The course will be conducted each Thursday night over the next six weeks.

Persons 14 years and over are welcome to attend the course.

Details can be obtained from Mr Pat Watkins on 622 5129.

UMBRO YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 27 SATURDAY AUGUST 12 DIVISION 1

		U13	U14	U15	U17
Canterbury	v Marconi	1-1	2-0	2-0	2-0
Croatia	v Melita	0-1	2-1	2-0	5-0
Blacktown City	v Nepean	3-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
APIA	v Illawarra	4-3	1-0	3-1	w/f
Canterbury Marrickville	v Ku-ring-gai	washed out			
Melita	v Blacktown City	0-0	2-0	0-0	3-2
Illawarra	v Sydney Olympic	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-12
St George	v APIA	1-0	2-0	0-1	2-0
Canterbury	v Bankstown	2-0	0-1	2-3	3-4

SUNDAY AUGUST 13 DIVISION 2

Yugal	v Polonia	1-0	0-2	0-2	w/f
Sthn District	v Warringah	0-0	2-2	1-2	3-2
Pen/Uruguay	v Avala	1-3	0-6	w/f	w/f
Blacktown	v Central Coast	3-2	2-2	1-1	3-1
Blacktown	v Polonia	0-0	0-0	3-0	3-1
Pen/Uruguay	v Sth District	2-2	0-0	0-11	0-2
Macarthur	v Avala	1-0	2-1	15-0	1-1

METROP CHAMPIONSHIPS

Blacktown	v Ku-ring-gai	1-1	4-0
Macarthur	v Illawarra	0-1	
Macarthur	v Manly	2-2	3-0
Granville	v Canterbury	0-3	2-1
Granville	v Bankstown	2-2	n/p
Sth/Dist	v Sthn East	2-1	2-0

ACT youth programme

THE ACT Soccer Federation has made Aussie Sports history by being the first association to sign its junior teams up en-bloc for the nation-wide program.

The deal, finalised at a meeting between the ACTSF executive director Paul FitzPatrick, ACT Academy of Soccer director Peter Hugg and the Canberra co-ordinator for the Aussie Sports program Anne Isaacs, at the Federation's office recently, means that from the official launch all primary school age youngsters in the ACT Junior League will be "Aussie Sportspeople".

"It costs us nothing, while the benefits are significant," he said.

COMMONWEALTH BANK TURNER CUP

Success for Epping and Fairfield

FROM LINDSAY HEWISON

THE area finals for the Sydney section of the Commonwealth Bank Turner Cup were held last week in a night promotion at Francis Park Blacktown, thanks yet again to the generosity of Blacktown United club.

In the final of Area B, Manly High travelled from the peninsula to take on the traditionally strong Epping Boys High.

Manly soaked up early Epping pressure, breaking away occasionally to mount attacks on the Epping goalmouth.

However it was only a matter of time for

Epping to score, as the Manly big backs were quite slow and were no match for the speedy Epping forwards.

After 15 minutes Bryan Raeburn was put through.

He beat the keeper and opened the scoring for Epping.

Another five minutes elapsed and Epping attacked down

he right, and Raeburn steered in the ball to increase Epping's lead.

The second half continued to be a series of Epping attacks with Mark Hong scoring twice and Raeburn completing his hat trick from the penalty spot after he had been held back by a defender.

Although outclassed, Manly never gave up trying as the score mounted — Epping victors 5-0.

The Area F final saw a local derby between Fairfield High — conquerors of big guns Patrician Bros from both Fairfield and Liverpool as well as Freeman High — and Bonnyrigg High, who are enjoying their best season ever.

The game ended 4-2 to Fairfield.

A Jimmy Leventis thunderbolt open the scoring for Fairfield with the team stroking the ball around beautifully.

Bonnyrigg on the other hand were pumping long balls out to their big speedy wingers and such a move led to the equaliser as Snisa Cupac cut inside from the left and beat the keeper with a lovely angled drive.

Half time arrived with the scores at 1-1.

Play flowed backwards and forwards in the second half till Leventis increase Fairfield's lead with a header from point blank range after a typically flowing buildup.

Almost immediately a similar move led to another headed Fairfield goal — this time by Christian Garcia.

Into the last five minutes and a lovely through ball was put away by Darren Iocca to seal a Fairfield victory.

Time enough left however for a consolation Bonnyrigg goal scored by David Mitrovic, who had been his team's best.

Referees Social

The Illawarra referees' branch would like to arrange a social day with the junior part of another branch.

Age groups involved would be from 14 to about 21 years of age.

The intention is for a social game of soccer, other activities and a BBQ.

They are looking to hold the function at the end of the season, probably October-November.

Any interested cranes should contact Geoff Hutchinson on 042 37 7839.

Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup

Hurstville make last eight

BY JOE DI MEGLIO

HURSTVILLE Boys High School showed great determination and character to come from behind and snatch a 2-1 victory after extra-time against West Wallsend High last Tuesday afternoon to qualify for the quarter-finals of the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup.

Zoki Adioski, the St George under 19 player, had the first and only chance of the first half when his Hurstville side were awarded a penalty in the 29th minute after West Wallsend's Adam Hastie handled a fierce 20-metre volley by John Kakakios.

Adioski's shot was brilliantly saved by Simon Devetak, who went down low and grabbed the ball cleanly.

In spite of only one chance, both sides enjoyed a fair share of possession though Hurstville were the more creative.

Only poor finishing and disciplined defence kept them scoreless.

Hurstville were punished for lack of composure in the rear-guard when in the second minute of the second half Scott Halpin, a member of the NSWCHS second team, shot from outside the penalty area from a Hastie corner.

The ball was cleared by the Hurstville defence, straight to Halpin, who placed his shot past the despairing Tome Petranovic, after collecting two deflections on the way.

Hurstville then came gunning for West Wallsend, throwing caution to the wind.

They suddenly found themselves a man short when Adioski was sent off for retaliating after Robert Schumacher had heavily brought him down.

Four minutes later, the West Wallsend defence were caught in two minds and were possessed by Elvis Mireceviski, who crossed into the centre and found John Sklias, who turned away from two defenders and shot hard and low from 12 metres.

After a minute's discussion between the referee and his two linesmen, resulting from a protest by the West Wallsend coach who ran across the field to have

his say about an off the ball incident which wasn't seen by anyone at the ground, the goal was allowed to stand.

Hurstville wrapped up the match in the second half of extra-time, six minutes from the end, when a long throw by Mireceviski found Kakakios behind the West Wallsend defence on the goal-line.

His shot zipped inside Devetak's near-post to send the students on the hill into a frenzy.

Hurstville then received a further setback for their quarter-final match this week when Mireceviski got his marching orders for an illegal tackle on Schumacher.

In my opinion, the best player on the field was diminutive Hurstville midfielder playmaker, Sasha Lazarevski, who inspired his side's comeback.

HURSTVILLE: Petranovic, Chalack, Fengitis (Kapsalis 83), J. Sklias, Babic, Lazarevski, G. Sklias, Adioski, Manea (Jurilj 47), Kakakios, Mireceviski. Coach: K. Ridland.

WEST WALLSEND: Devetak, Jeffries, Hastie, Schumacher, Mc Cann, T. Morris, Cristani (O'Neill 71), Johnson, J. Morris, Halpin, Durkot. Coach: D. Morris.

Hurstville coach Keith Ridland has been in charge of the senior squad since 1980 and has seen his teams reach the semi-finals of the competition in 1980, 1987 and 1988, and the regional final in 1985.

Ridland thoroughly believes that this is the best team he has coached and that they can go all the way if they play the way they did against West Wallsend.

This is how Hurstville qualified for the quarter-finals:

Round 1: def Maroubra 2-0

Round 2: def Kirrawee 1-0

Round 3: def Kingsgrove North 5-2

Round 4: def Kingsgrove (Tasman Cup champions) 4-3 on penalties

Round 5: def Canterbury 2-1 (Regional Cup final)

Round 6: def West Wallsend 2-1 after extra-time

Members of the Hurstville side are:

John Kakakios CHS team, St George first grade

Zoki Adioski CHS team, St George first grade

John Sklias CHS team, Mark Babic Aust. U16 World Cup finals member, Sydney Croatia U19

Rockdale Ilinden 2nd grade

Sasha Lazarevski Rockdale Ilinden 2nd Grade

Tome Petranovic Sydney Croatia U19

Mirko Jurilj Sydney Croatia U15

Mendo Dimovski St George U15

Jim Kapsalis Robert Todorovski

Stuart Wenham George Sklias

Paul Manea Mays Chalack

Jim Fengitis

Metro reps rescheduled

ALL MITRE metropolitan representatives should note that the quarter-finals have been rescheduled for Sunday, August 20 and will be followed the next Sunday with the semi-finals.

The rescheduling has been done to allow clubs an extra weekend to play washed out matches, according to Sydney Branch Competition Secretary Bill Bullinan.

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Chris Waddle (right), in his league debut with Marseille, tangles with Lyon's Jacques Figier. Waddle scored his first French goal in his team's 2-1 defeat at Toulouse a fortnight ago.

Irish eyes are smiling

BY SEAN CREEDON

THE Football Association of Ireland enter the World Cup wind-up season in a healthy financial state, but they will not go on a spending spree.

A Development Committee has been set up to decide how best to spend the money earned by Jack Charlton's team.

In the last financial year the FAI made a profit of \$1.4 million.

That figure does not include receipts from the last three home World Cup games against Spain, Hungary and Malta.

And with two more home games coming up, next year's receipts could be well over the \$6 million mark.

FAI treasurer Charlie Walsh would not say exactly how much Jack Charlton earned, but revealed that salary and expenses for Jack and his assistant Maurice Setters came to \$140,000 — surely a bargain in these days of inflated wages.

Bohemians

Bohemians, the only club with unbroken membership of the League of Ireland, are celebrating their Centenary season.

Founded in 1890, The Gypsies played in the Northern Ireland League before the formation of the League of Ireland in 1921.

Bohemians kicked off their celebrations last month with a game against Spurs and further games are planned against Celtic and possibly Manchester United or Arsenal.

Work is already well under way on a history



JACK CHARLTON

of the North Dublin club.

Bohs have the longest serving manager in Ireland, Billy

Young, who has been in charge since August 1973.

But the Dalymount Park trophy cabinet is bare. Their last League win was in 1978 and the FAI Cup has not been won since 1976.

University College Dublin will have three Hungarians on their staff next season.

After spending three seasons in the Opel League first division the Dublin Students are anxious to build a strong side once again.

The best known of the imports is Hunga-

rian under-21 international Bela Tettamanti, who has been signed from Ujpest Dozsa.

He will study economics at the Belfield campus.

Janos Lenart from Vacz and Zoltan Istvan of Baja intend to study English while in Dublin.

The Premier Division will commence on September 3 and the minimum admission price at all League of Ireland clubs next season will be \$5.

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Everton interview in Malaysia

FROM JOHN ECONOMOS

KUALA LUMPUR — Whilst in Kuala Lumpur for the tour by Heidelberg I had the opportunity of interviewing Everton manager Colin Harvey and their consistent striker, Graeme Sharp.

The club was on a pre-season tour which included Japan and Malaysia, and which was designed to blend their three new players into the squad.

The newcomers to the Blues are Norman

Whiteside, the Northern Ireland international striker signed from Manchester United for \$1.7 million, Mike Newall from Leicester City and Swedish star Stefan Rehn.

Everton had just recorded 3-1 wins over Japan and Manchester United in Tokyo, and next downed Bangkok 3-0 with goals from Sharp (2) and Tony Cottee.

Harvey told me: "Our aim is to do much better in the league than last season when we finished

eighth.

"There is no better way to work in new players than to go on a tour of this nature."

Harvey himself is an Everton man through and through.

He began at Goodison Park as an apprentice, played for the club for 15 years, and next became assistant manager.

When manager Howard Kendall switched to Athletic Bilbao, Harvey was promoted to the chair.

Sharp, the 185cm tall Scottish international, told me that the combination with Cottee had not been as fruitful as it should have been.

He expects bigger things when the English First Division kicks off on Saturday.

Heidelberg's goodwill tour is being sponsored by Malaysian Airways, Karas Travel and the Tourist Development Corporation.



STRONG BREW

THE Scottish Football Association broke with a 116-year tradition when they agreed to allow a sponsor's name to be incorporated with the Scottish Cup.

The decision followed their signing of a \$5 million four-year contract with a leading brewery.

The brewers replace the Scottish Health Education Group as sponsors of the national cup competition and the SFA see no conflict in replacing a health-orientated backer with one of the major brewers.

SFA president Peter Gardiner said: "Ten-nents are a very responsible company and are against the abuse of alcohol just as much as the Health Education Group. They have an excellent track record."

Fences up

DERBY County, the first English soccer club to remove the perimeter fences from its ground after the Hillsborough tragedy, is to bring them back.

The club hopes to have modified perimeter fences built at the visiting fans area of the ground in time for the first league game of the season on August 23.

The fences were taken down after 95 Liverpool fans were crushed to death in Britain's worst sporting disaster at a Football Association Cup semifinal at Sheffield's Hillsborough ground in April.

Spectators in an overcrowded part of the stadium were unable to escape on to the pitch because of the fences.

But Derby secretary Michael Dunford said the decision to re-erect fences had been taken because of fears about the behaviour of visiting fans.

"Away fans don't respect visiting grounds like they do their own and we, along with the police, feared a full scale pitch invasion, putting people and players' lives in danger," he said.



ALEX FERGUSON — infuriated

Ince under fire

ENGLAND under-21 midfielder Paul Ince found himself under fire from all directions after publicly expressing his desire to quit West Ham for Manchester United.

Reports that Ince is about to join the First Division side for \$2.3 million and a newspaper picture of him in a United shirt have infuriated United manager Alex Ferguson, as well as the Hammers.

And the Football Association and Professional Footballers' Association have made public their displeasure.

Before taking his team away on a tour of Asia, Ferguson said: "All this transfer talk about Ince has got out of control. It has nothing to do with us."

"We have not made a bid for Ince. I have phoned Lou Macari to

make our position clear."

Ince, one of the Hammers' few successes last season, missed out on West Ham's pre-season tour of Norway, claiming he was "unwell".

A West Ham official pledged to investigate the affair and promised "appropriate action" against Ince.

SOCCER RELATED ARRESTS

THE threat of a football membership card scheme in Britain has not reduced trouble by fans.

League attendances continue to rise, but "soccer-related" arrests have gone up too, the Football Research Centre based at Leicester University says in an 84-page report on all aspects of the season.

There were 6,000 arrests inside and outside grounds during the season and unofficial figures show a slight increase for last season.

Surprisingly, the 6000 arrests — compared to the 4,143 fans arrested in 1985-86 and 5,520 in 1986-87 — produced fewer convictions, although no nationwide figures are available on how many fans were found guilty.

Of the fans convicted, 684 were banned from football grounds by magistrates.

During that period, League crowds increased in successive seasons for the first time in 20 years. Total attendances were up by a further half-million last season.

The smaller First Division once again produced a drop in total attendances though.

Olympic Dates



FIFA

THE qualifying rounds for the 1992 Barcelona Olympic football tournament will be played between August 1, 1990 and May 15, 1992.

The draw will be made in Zurich in February next year.

FIFA is adamant only under 23 players will be allowed to compete despite the International Olympic Committee's strenuous objections.

The \$64,000 question, as far as Australia is concerned, is whether FIFA will force us to qualify via Asia or, again, in an Oceania group.

— LOU GAUTIER

The agony of Ruud Gullit

GEORGE VAN ZENDEN
explains



RUUD GULLIT — unrepentant about his controversial statements on Holland's penchant for attack.

leagues, was disappointed and did not wish to train with them.

The situation deteriorated after a photo appeared in a newspaper with Gullit sitting on a soccer ball just in front of the Dutch players who were doing their exercises.

Libregts kept his cool and did not talk to Gullit.

Holland began the

game confidently against Finland and looked a class better despite starting without Gullit.

They bombarded the Finnish goal but could not score.

The goalkeeper made some acrobatic saves.

New boy Ellerman had opportunities to score. His first shot was brilliantly saved but his second shot hit the goalkeeper after

some good work by Van Basten in supplying the opportunity.

Gullit came on in the second half. Now he had to prove himself.

Holland attacked with Gullit in command. They looked better and they played better.

Towards the end, Gullit took the ball down the right flank outside the penalty box with four Finns surrounding him in an attempt to get the ball.

What Gullit did then was amazing.

He played the ball away from the goal, twisting and turning, then suddenly he went around the Finns, got to the goal line, passed the ball with pinpoint accuracy to Kieft — and GOAL!

It was all class.

But perhaps the supreme irony was that Gullit had saved Libregts and Libregts had saved Gullit.

A Franz Beckenbauer or a Johan Cruyff would not have tolerated Gullit's antics.

Happy, Happy Valley

IT has taken 24 years but Happy Valley have, at long last, won the Hong Kong league title.

They took the final points in style, giving a great attacking display against Sea Bee to win 2-0.

During the first half Valley were denied by some excellent keeping from Choi Chipping but they kept their heads and increased the pressure after the break.

Right at the start Tam Ah-fook saw his header bounce off the post and minutes later he had the ball in the net.

Unfortunately it was a controversial goal, the Sea Bee players claiming he had used his hands as he dived and rolled the ball over the line.

There was no controversy over the second goal, a fine header from Ng Kam-hung in the last minutes, leaving the defence standing.

Just over a thousand fans had turned up to watch the Valley players take the title and collect \$35,000 in bonus pay.

See Bee, however, were still protesting that first goal the following day, even going as far as to threatening to withdraw from the league.



Zambia's 1989 African Player of the Year Kalusha Bwalya has been transferred from Cercle Bruges, of Belgium, to crack Dutch side PSV Eindhoven in a \$500,000 deal.



Brazilian captain Ricardo (seen here with the Copa America trophy) also had reason to smile after his team held Chile to a World Cup qualifying 1-1 draw in Santiago on Monday.

SOUTH AMERICA

BY MARIO ETCHART

Brazil bag vital point

CHILE damaged its chance of qualifying for next year's World Cup finals after a tough encounter with Brazil in a live telecast seen live on SBS-TV on Monday morning.

The capacity crowd of 85,000 at Santiago's National Stadium saw two players sent off early in the 1-1 draw after the kick-off had been delayed for 10 minutes to remove photographers from behind the goals.

Colombian referee Jesus Diaz made it clear right at the start that he was not afraid to use the red card.

The referee had no hesitation in sending off Brazilian striker Romario in the third minute for punching Chilean defender Hugo Rubio.

Chilean midfielder Raul Ormeno also received his marching orders for a late tackle

on midfielder Valdo some 15 minutes later.

The first half was very tight and both teams had golden opportunities to break the deadlock but the finishing lacked penetration and accuracy.

Some excellent goal-keeping from Taffarel and Rojas also denied any side going one up.

The Brazilians finally broke the deadlock by scoring in the 56th minute.

After good work from Mazinho on the left flank, the ball was crossed into the box.

Astengo tried to clear but instead the ball rebounded onto Gonzalez and into the goal, to put Brazil ahead 1-0.

The Chileans decided they would go all out for the equaliser but this only left wide open spaces in the Chilean defence.

With a bit more luck, Bebeto and Silas might have put their side two

goals in front.

With eight minutes remaining, and Chile still looking for the equaliser, outrage and confusion broke out.

The Colombian referee awarded an indirect freekick to the Chileans just inside the box, penalising the Brazilian goalkeeper for bouncing the ball illegally.

Taffarel's mistake was costly.

While the Brazilians were complaining to the referee, Aravena smartly passed to Bassay who, with a short drive, scored.

The Brazilians held out until the end.

Dunga, Silas and Valdo had good games in midfield for Brazil as did Bebeto up front.

Frustration and desperation took their toll for the home side where left back Publa had a splendid game.

Good contributions also came from Astengo, Rojas and Yanez.

A draw was a fair indication of the general trend of play and put Brazil in an excellent position to win Group 3. Brazil continue their unbeaten record of 59 years without losing a World Cup qualifier.

Next weekend, Brazil will play Venezuela in Rio de Janeiro's Maracana Stadium.

Both coaches, Orlando Aravena and Sebastiao Lazzaroni, were also "sent off" by referee Diaz for complaining about several of his decisions.

Standings

BRAZIL	2 1 0 5 13
CHILE	2 1 0 4 23
VENEZUELA	2 0 0 2 170

World Wide

- FIFA will suspend Kuwait unless it withdraws a compensation claim for \$5 million for the world body delaying permission to stage a Pan-Islamic tournament.
- Marco van Basten has won another award — Adidas' Footballer of the Year — voted by members of the International Federation of Football History and Statistics. Diego Maradona was runner up and Ruud Gullit third.
- Axel Kruse, an East German footballer with Hansa Rostock, who defected on the occasion of a match against BK Copenhagen in Denmark, wants to play for Hertha (West) Berlin.
- Brondby's Danish international centre-back Kent Nielsen has joined Aston Villa — another Dane Australia won't see come November should the ASF persist with the proposed Australia v Denmark game in Sydney on November 22.
- The United States 1994 World Cup planning has received formal financial underpinning from the Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company.

Paolo Maldini

Chip off the old block

ONE MAN in the stands in Barcelona, on the day AC Milan thrashed Steaua Bucharest 4-0 in the European Champions' Cup final, had unique reasons for celebrating.

they were acclaimed champions of Europe.

Yesterday's captain was Cesare Maldini; today's hero is Paolo Maldini, his son, and Milan's left back.

Winning the most prestigious of Europe's club prizes was the culmination of a great

"My father taught me everything. From the moment I saw a picture of him holding up the European Cup I wanted to copy his success.

"But trying to tread that same path was far from easy. As Maldini senior says: "Quite the reverse. I was tougher on Paolo. I didn't want the others, when I was coaching the kids at Milan after I retired, to think he would get any special favours.

"But he has great qualities, both technical and physical.

"After last year's spate of injuries I think he has now matured physically to cope with the demands of the game."

The respect is mutual and genuine. Paolo says: "My father has been a great help to me in coping with all the pressures of the game. A lot of kids my age do not want to sacrifice the night life for training and fitness sessions.

"But I was lucky. Because I had grown up in a football environment it all came quite naturally. My father's example kept my feet on the ground."

Paolo has now won the Italian championship and European Champions' Cup with Milan.

He is a fixture in the Italian national team. Yet he is still only 21 and there is plenty more to win such as the World Club Cup, the European Super-Cup and, of course the World Cup itself.

Whether Italy will win on home ground next year is an open question.

But it seems almost certain that Milan's present team will win the Champions' Cup a few more times before Arrigo Sacchi has to break it all up and start again.

— from **WORLD SOCCER**

ZAPPED!

THE East German Federation has sacked Manfred Zapf as national team coach.

He had only been in the job for seven months, during which time East Germany failed to win a match.

The team dropped out of World Cup finals contention early in the qualifiers and is even trailing Iceland in European Group 3.

The replacement for Zapf is Eduard Geyer, who will continue to coach Dynamo Dresden.

— LOU GAUTIER



Chip off the old block: Paolo Maldini (left), the AC Milan left fullback, with his father, Cesare, the 1963 Milan libero. This is the first time a father and son combination has won the European Champions' Cup.

No doubt, as Milan ran their lap of honour, so Cesare Maldini thought back to May 22, 1963, when Milan beat Benfica 2-1 at Wembley.

Then, as now in Barcelona, Milan wore their all-white change strip. Then as now,

year for Paolo.

And he was only too happy to acknowledge the importance of the example of a father who had raised that same trophy in triumph 26 years earlier.

Young Maldini says:



Commitment par excellence as French internationals Bruno Bellone and Stephane Paille clash in a recent First Division match.

TOP FEE FOR AMOROS



MANUEL Amoros set a world record transfer fee for a defender when he was sold by Monaco to Marseille for \$4 million.

The 27-year-old French international fullback, one of the world's best defenders, had spent his entire career with Monaco.

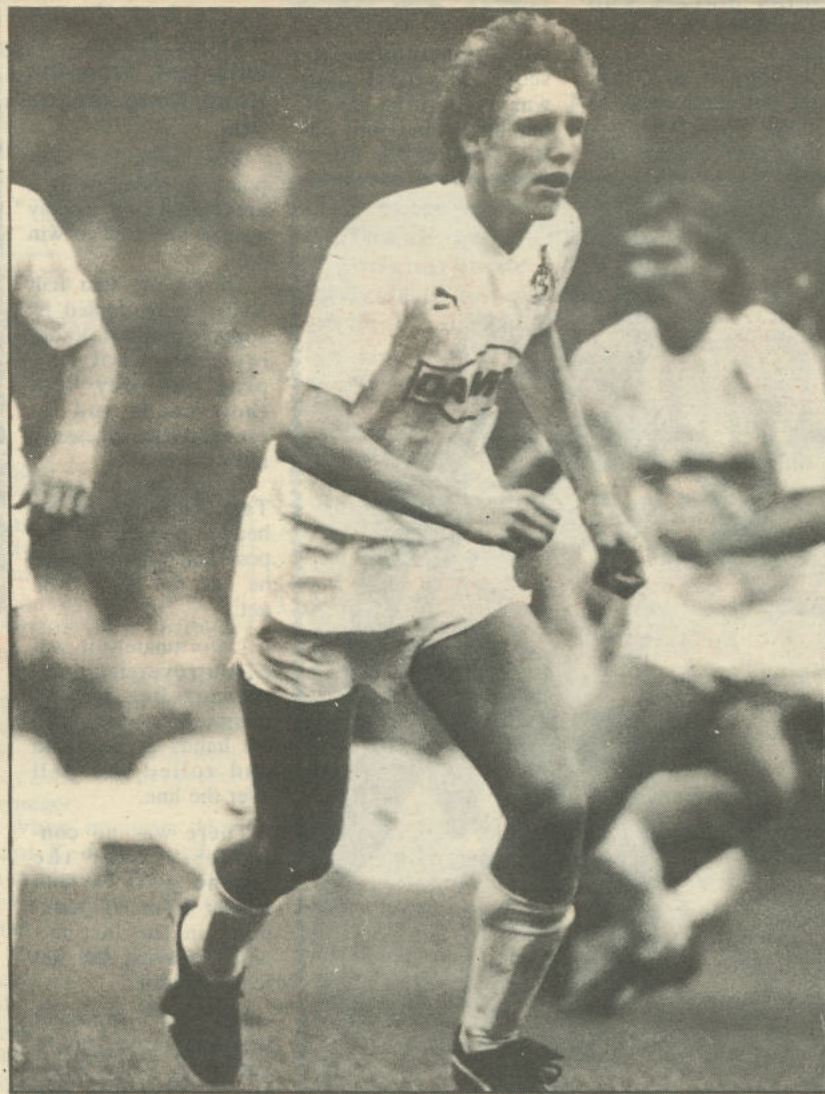
The captain of

France's national team will be earning four times as much at Marseille.

His monthly salary is reported to be a staggering \$15,000 a week — yes week.

France has now overtaken Italy as Europe's big spenders despite much smaller First Division attendances.

— LOU GAUTIER



Danish striker Flemming Povlsen will join Dutch champions PSV Eindhoven from next year in a \$2 million transfer. Povlsen, 22, has signed a three-year contract, effective from July 1, 1990. The Dane, who has 27 international appearances to his name, now plays for FC Koln.

Povlsen emerged as a world-class player during Denmark's current World Cup qualifying campaign. He caught the eye of West German talent scouts and went to Cologne from Danish champions Brøndby only two months ago.

ISRAELI PLAY-OFF

OCEANIA World Cup group winners Israel will play away in the first leg of their play-off tie against the winner of South American Group 2.

The away match — against either Paraguay, Ecuador or Colombia — will be on October 29.

The Israeli squad will travel to Toluca, Mexico, for a 15-day camp before travelling to the relevant South American country.

The return leg will be staged at Tel Aviv's Ramat Gan Stadium on November 12.

The first match in South America's Group 2 is on August 20 when Colombia host Ecuador.

The first Group game is on October 1, between Ecuador and Paraguay in Quito.